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BLACK LAGOON

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Dutch

SKIPPER OF THE OF THE BLACK LAGOON AND LEADER OF THE CREW. DUTCH STAYS COOL NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET. HIS BACKGROUND INCLUDES MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING A TOUR IN VIETNAM.

Benny

THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS ONBOARD THE BLACK LAGOON. BENNY ESCAPED FROM THE U.S. AND IS ON THE RUN FROM BOTH THE FBI AND THE MAFIA.

Crew of the Black Lagoon

Rock

A FORMER JAPANESE SALARYMAN, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER THE CREW OF THE BLACK LAGOON ABDUCTED HIM, ROCK LATER JOINED HIS CAPTORS.

Revy

THE BLACK LAGOON'S TOP GUNSLINGER, NICKNAMED 'TWO HAND.' HER FOUL MOUTH AND EXTREMELY SHORT FUSE USUALLY GET HER IN LOTS OF TROUBLE.

ROCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA, WAS A FACELESS EMPLOYEE AT A LARGE JAPANESE COMPANY. ON A BUSINESS TRIP HE WAS ABDUCTED AND HELD FOR RANSOM BY THE CREW OF THE *BLACK LABDON*, A MODIFIED TORPEDO BOAT, WHOSE CREW RUNS A MARITIME COURIER SERVICE AND ENGAGES IN A LITTLE PIRACY ON THE SIDE.

AT FIRST OKAJIMA FULLY TRUSTED HIS EMPLOYERS TO COME TO HIS AID, BUT HIS HOPES WERE DASHED WHEN HIS COMPANY CALIDUSLY THREW HIM TO THE WOLVES IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR OWN SKINS. SHOCKED AND ANGERED, HE DECIDED TO CHANGE COURSE IN LIFE AND JOINED THE CREW OF THE *BLACK LABDON*.

DUTCH'S COMPANY, LABDON TRADERS, IS ESTABLISHED IN ROANAPUR, THAILAND. THE CITY IS RIFE WITH VIOLENCE YET STILL HAS SOME DEGREE OF ORDER THANKS TO THE "NETWORK", A FORUM WHERE ROANAPUR'S MAJOR GANGS CONGREGATE TO MAINTAIN A LOOSE POWER-SHARING ARRANGEMENT.

DESPITE THE AGREEMENT, THE ITALIAN MAFIA ENACTS A PLAN TO WIPE OUT BALALAIKA, THE LOCAL HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN CRIME SYNDICATE IN ROANAPUR, HOTEL MOSCOW, IN ROANAPUR. THE CITY PLUNGES INTO CHAOS THANKS TO THE RECKLESS ACTS OF WANTON DESTRUCTION PERPETRATED BY HANSEL AND GRETEL, TWIN ASSASSINS THAT THE MAFIA HAS SUMMONED TO ROANAPUR...



PERSONALLY, I LIKE BEING ON THE FIRING LINE, BUT...

...I'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT COMES WITH THE POSITION I HOLD. ANYONE'S GOT IT?

Chang

BOSS OF THE ROANAPUR BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG TRIADS.



FORWARD, COMRADE SOLDIERS...

COCK THE HAMMER... IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!

Balalaika

BOSS OF THE THAI BRANCH OF "HOTEL MOSCOW," A NOTED RUSSIAN CRIMINAL GANG. BALALAIKA ONCE WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE RED ARMY OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.



WHEN THE BROTHERS TOLD THEM KIDS DON'T BELONG THERE...

...DAMNED IDENTICAL THINGS DROPPED LIKE THEY WERE GOING TO A FUNERAL. FREAKY-LOOKING, LIKE THOSE KIDS IN THE GARDEN.

THE TRUTH: PULLED OUT A SOLAS-INTELLECT TRAPS COMPANY BURNING CARD WITH YOUR NAME ON IT...

AND SAID...

Hansel & Gretel

TWIN ROMANIAN ASSASSINS BROUGHT TO ROANAPUR BY THE ITALIAN MAFIA TO ELIMINATE BALALAIKA.

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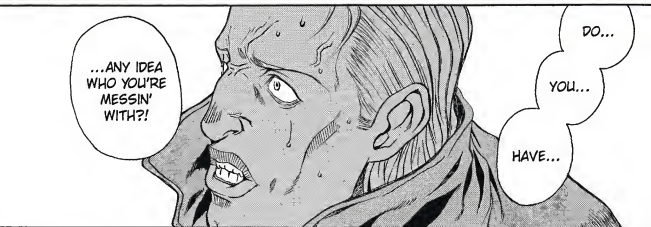
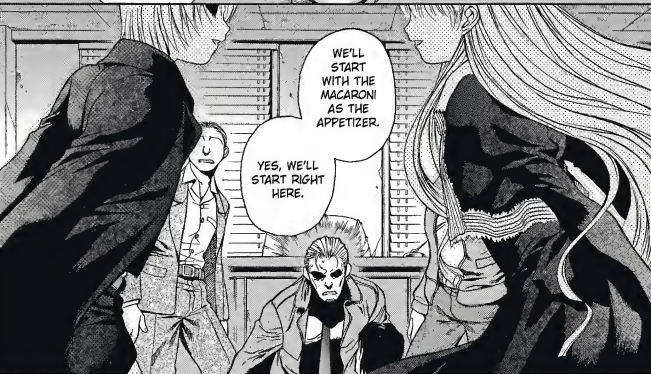
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Chapter 13:

Bloodsport Fairy Tale - Part III







YOU LITTLE
SHITS!!

YOU IN A
RUSH TO
DIE?!

SKRCH



...



CH

GREAT BROTHER CHANG.

YES SIR?



CHOU.

WE'VE SET UP A PERIMETER AROUND THEIR OFFICE.

LISTEN...

GET READY TO DUCK.

HUH?



WE AWAIT YOUR ORDERS, GREAT BROTHER.





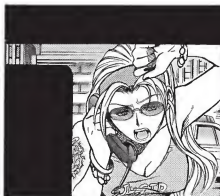
WE'RE ON A
MANHUNT NOW.

CHANGE OF
PLANS...



CONTACT
HOTEL
MOSCOW.

HAVING THEM
IN OUR DEBT
WILL PROVE
QUITE
HELPFUL.



THEY'RE
CLOSING ALL
THE EXITS
OFF OF MAIN
STREET.

IT LOOKS LIKE
SOMETHING
WENT DOWN
WITH THE
VERROCCHIO
FAMILY.

REVVY!!

THE
COPS ARE
ON THE
MOVE!



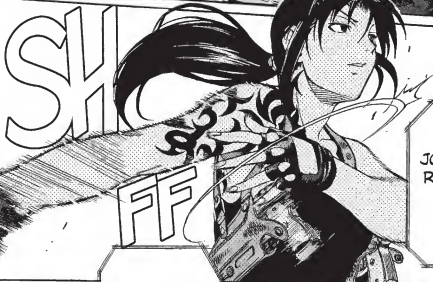
EASE UP,
EDA. YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
TELL ME.

YOU WON'T
GET THAT
REWARD
SITTIN' ON
THE SIDELINES,
REVVY!



WHERE
DO I
MEET
YOU?

CHAK



SK
FF

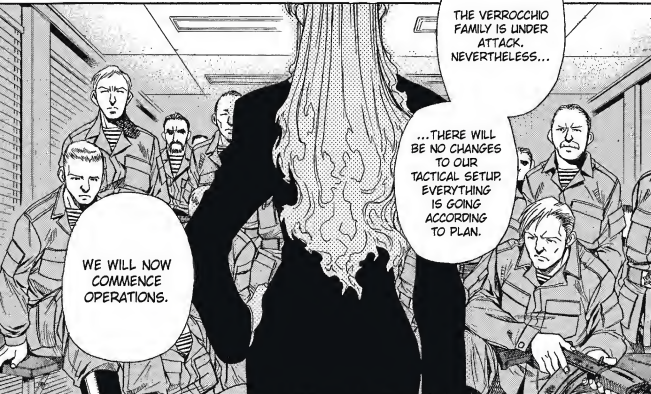
JOEY'S GOT A
ROOM IN THE
PARKANA
SQUARE.

F

JUST
HURRY UP,
GOT IT?!



COMRADES...



WE WILL NOW
COMMENCE
OPERATIONS.

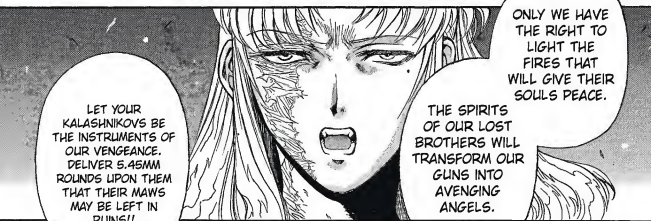
THE VERROCCHIO
FAMILY IS UNDER
ATTACK.
NEVERTHELESS...

...THERE WILL
BE NO CHANGES
TO OUR
TACTICAL SETUP.
EVERYTHING
IS GOING
ACCORDING
TO PLAN.



PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS SAKHAROV
AND CORPORAL
MENSHOV WERE
BROTHERS IN
ARMS WHO CAN
NEVER BE
REPLACED.

MY VALIANT
COMRADES...



LET YOUR
KALASHNIKOVs BE
THE INSTRUMENTS OF
OUR VENGEANCE.
DELIVER 5.45MM
ROUNDS UPON THEM
THAT THEIR MAWS
MAY BE LEFT IN
RUINS!!

ONLY WE HAVE
THE RIGHT TO
LIGHT THE
FIRES THAT
WILL GIVE THEIR
SOULS PEACE.

THE SPIRITS
OF OUR LOST
BROTHERS WILL
TRANSFORM OUR
GUNS INTO
AVENGING
ANGELS.



MESSAGE
FROM HOTEL
MOSCOW.

GREAT
BROTHER
CHANG!



HMPH...

THEY'RE
SHARP AS
ALWAYS.

"SITUATION
CRITICAL.
EVACUATE
TARGET AREA
IMMEDIATELY."



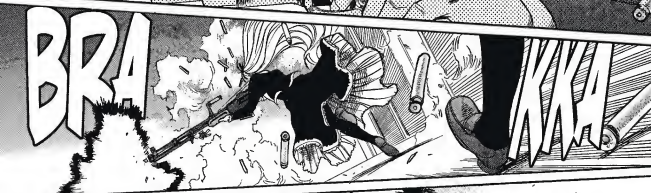
CHOU.

LEND ME
YOUR
GUNS.

BUT
FRANKLY...

...THAT'S
OLD NEWS
TO US NOW.







KACH
KACH
KACH

HAH-
HAH!

PRETTY
SMOOTH!

KRACK

KRACK

KRACK

YOU'RE
TOO
KIND...

...LITTLE
LADY.

ZZ
KR
K

I'M SORRY,
BUT WE
CAN'T STAY
AND KEEP
YOU COMPANY.

TILL WE
MEET
AGAIN.

SWELL.

CAN'T TELL
YOU HOW
RELIEVED
I AM.

OUR
LATE NIGHT
CARNIVAL'S
JUST
GETTIN'
STARTED.

HALLELU-
JAH!

THAT BASTARD
WATSAP AND THE
TRIAD MEMBERS
ARE WASTING
EACH OTHER'S
TIME.

LOOKS
LIKE THE
VERROCCHIO
FAMILY WAS
BEHIND
THIS STUNT.

LOOKS LIKE
OUR PROSPECTS
FOR HITTING
THE JACKPOT
HERE JUST
GOT BETTER.

WE'RE SCREWED
IF THEY DITCH
THEIR CAR. WE
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THEY LOOK
LIKE.

FUCK THAT.
JUST SHOOT
ANY KIDS
THAT COME
THIS WAY.

QUIT
PUSHING,
YOU SHIT!

MAN, YOUR
BREATH
SINKS,
TOMMY. YOU
GOT STOMACH
TROUBLE OR
SOMETHIN'?

GOTS
ME A KG-9...
YOU GOT A
PROBLEM
WITH THAT?

YOU'RE
SCREWED, BUDDY.
YOU WANNA
CLAIM A REWARD,
YOU GOTTA PAY
MORE ATTENTION
TO YOUR PIECE.

WHATCHU
PACKIN'?

MY
SPRINGFIELD
M-1... YOU?

REVVY!

OVER
HERE...



WHAT?

I JUST
REALIZED
SOME-
THING.

SOME-
THING'S
NOT RIGHT
HERE,
REVY.



WHAT IS
IT, EDA?

...HEY,
LISTEN.



SO WHY
HASN'T SHE
SHOWED UP?

IT'S
BALALAIKA,
REVY...

NO ONE
WANTS TO GET
PAYBACK ON
THOSE TWINS
MORE THAN
HER.



SEE WHAT
I MEAN?

IF THIS WAS THE
PRIMO PLACE TO
BE, THEY'D KEEP
US OUT OF HERE.

HUH...

...WELL, NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT...



THOSE
OTHERS THEY
KILLED...
IT'S A
DIVERSION...

STRIKE
THAT...THEY
WERE BUMPED
OFF 'CAUSE
THEY GOT IN
THE WAY.
THAT'S ALL.

YOU CAN'T
REASON
WITH 'EM.

ALL THEY
WANNA DO IS
KNOCK OFF
BALALAIKA,
I BET...

REVY...

WHERE
WOULD THE
TWINS GO?



SOLDIERS ARE PRAGMATISTS. THEY WON'T MAKE A MOVE ON SPECULATION.

THE TWINS ARE GONNA PULL A FAST ONE.

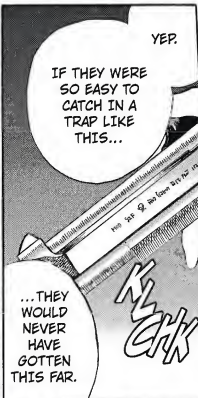
BALALAIKA IS DEAD SET ON FUCKING UP THOSE TWINS GOOD.

I'M SURE SHE'S GOT ALL HER BASES COVERED. SHE'S MOBILIZED HER VYSOTNIKI TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE.



ONE THING'S FOR SURE—THE TWINS AREN'T COMING HERE. BALALAIKA'S NO-SHOW IS PROOF.

WELL, REVY, YOU MIGHT BE AN IGNORAMUS, BUT YOU CATCH ON QUICK.



YEP.

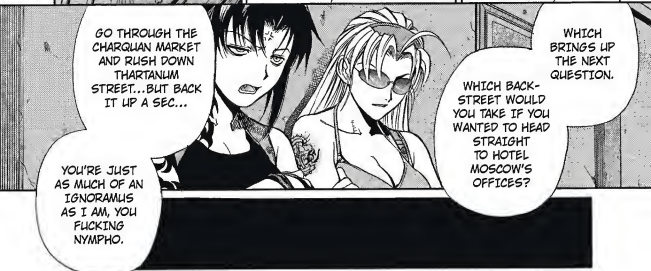
IF THEY WERE SO EASY TO CATCH IN A TRAP LIKE THIS...

...THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR.



EVERYONE'S ACTING LIKE THEY'RE OUT DEER HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF MONTANA OR SOMETHIN'...

BUT THOSE TWINS ARE NO FAWNS...MORE LIKE COYOTES. THEY'RE TOUGH AS NAILS.



GO THROUGH THE CHARQUAN MARKET AND RUSH DOWN THARTANUM STREET...BUT BACK IT UP A SEC...

YOU'RE JUST AS MUCH OF AN IGNORAMUS AS I AM, YOU FUCKING NYMPHO.

WHICH BRINGS UP THE NEXT QUESTION.

WHICH BACK-STREET WOULD YOU TAKE IF YOU WANTED TO HEAD STRAIGHT TO HOTEL MOSCOW'S OFFICES?

Puff

WELL, I GOT
STUCK IN A
SHOOTOUT
WITH A SHITTY
PAIR OF
HARDBALLERS...

MY
CONDOLENCES,
CHANG.

SHOULD'VE
KNOWN NOT
CARRYING MY
OWN GUNS
WOULD COME
BACK TO
HAUNT ME.

BY THE WAY, I
TOOK CARE OF
WATSAP. I FIGURED
YOU WOULDN'T WANT
THAT GREEDY
BASTARD GETTIN'
HIS HANDS ON
THE TWINS.

PAY ME BACK
HOWEVER
YOU SEE FIT
LATER ON.

IF I HAD KNOWN
THE TWINS
WERE HERE, I'D
HAVE BROUGHT
BETTER GUNMEN
WITH ME.

NOW I'M
STUCK HAVING
TO WALK BACK
HOME. IMAGINE
HOW THIS
LOOKS...

WE'RE ON
TRACK
WITH OUR
PLANS,
CHANG.

IT'S ONLY
A MATTER
OF
TIME...

MY, MY,
AREN'T
YOU
CUNNING
AS EVER.

I OWE YOU
ONE FOR
SUCH A
SELFLESS
ACT OF
KINDNESS.



IT'S A
BLACK SEDAN!
JAPANESE
MAKE! IT'S
GOTTA BE
THE ONE!

HERE
COMES A
CAR!!

YO!!
HEY!!

...BEFORE
THE OPENING
SALVOS RING
OUT.



ARE THE
TWINS
INSIDE?



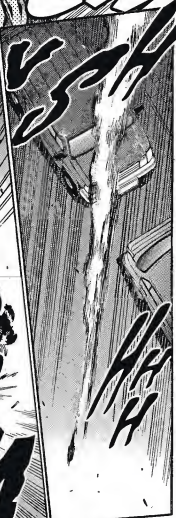
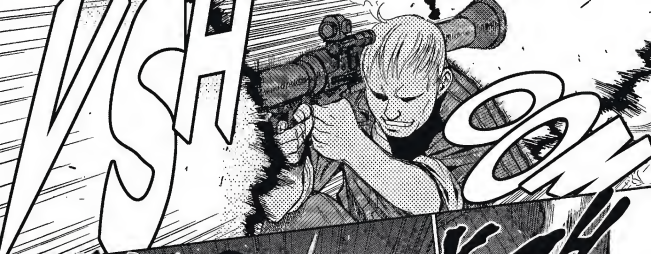
I CAN'T
TELL.
IT'S GOT
TINTED
WINDOWS.

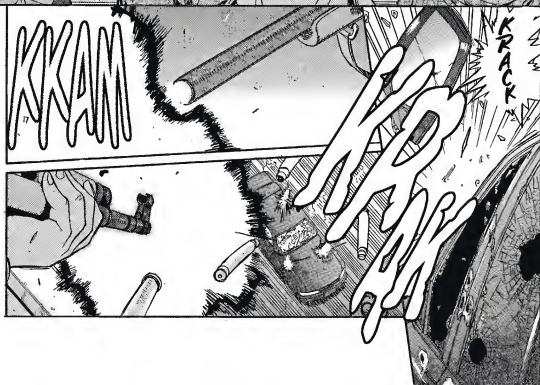


WHO
CARES?

IT'S TIME
TO ROCK
'N' ROLL,
MY MAN.









AK

KK RASH THKAM





DID WE
GET 'EM?

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THEY'RE
NOT
WHITE!

BRING
YOUR CARS
AROUND.

SHIT!
IT'S NOT
THEM!!

ZAK

C'MON, YOU
FUCKERS!!
WE GOTTA
FLUSH OUT
THOSE
BRATS!!

ZAK ZAK

ZAK





BUT
BROTHER
DEAREST...

I DO FEEL
A LITTLE
SORRY FOR
THEM.

WOW,
THAT WENT
SMOOTHLY,
DIDN'T IT
SISTER
DEAREST?

ONLY 5,000
BAHT TO FIND
SOME STAND-
INS. WHAT A
GREAT DEAL.

QUE SERÁ,
SERÁ,
SISTER
DEAREST.

THOSE
TWO SAID
THEY WERE
ORPHANS,
DIDN'T
THEY?

AND THEN
THERE WAS
THE NICE
GENTLEMAN
WE GAVE THE
CAR TO.



THOSE ARE
THE ONLY
CHOICES
IN THIS
WORLD.

IT'S KILL
OR BE
KILLED.

AND THAT'S
WHY WE MUST
KILL MORE.
MANY, MANY
MORE.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
SISTER
DEAREST.

I SUPPOSE
SO, BROTHER
DEAREST.
QUE SERÁ,
SERÁ,
INDEED.

FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO, THEY MADE CONTACT WITH THE DECOYS ON THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE.

NEXT, OUR SQUAD ON CHARQUAN STREET INTERCEPTED AND INITIATED SUPPRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE PRIMARY TARGET.

THIRD SQUAD HAS MOVED FROM POINT LADOGA TO POINT RYBINSK AND IS CURRENTLY STANDING BY.

MAKE SURE UNITS ARE INSTRUCTED TO DISENGAGE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

IS THIS THANKS TO THE BOGUS INFORMATION THAT CHANG SPREAD AROUND?

THE BOUNTY HUNTERS ARE BEHAVING EXACTLY AS WE PLANNED, CAPTAIN.

THEY SEEM TO BE PROCEEDING EXACTLY ALONG THE ROUTE.

ASSIGN A SQUAD TO HAMIPON STREET AS WELL.

WE ONLY WANT TO LEAVE ONE FLOODGATE OPEN.

VERY GOOD.

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY IN THAT DIRECTION. IT MIGHT BE A STRAY BOUNTY HUNTER.

ALL SQUAD LEADERS, SIT-REP.

BLAM BLAM!

THEIR MISSION IS TO LURE THE ENEMY IN, NOTHING MORE.

IS THAT ONE OF OUR SQUADS?



KTNK



NASTY THINGS
CAN HAPPEN TO
KIDS OUT
WANDERING
THE STREETS
AT THIS HOUR.

ESPECIALLY
WHEN EVERYONE
IN TOWN'S OUT
ON A MANHUNT.

WELL, HELLS
BELLS. I
GUESS ALL
THOSE
PRAYERS
FINALLY
PAID OFF.

HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE.

YOU
STINKIN'
BRATS.

ZNHO

OOH. OOH,
OOH!

MAY I
ASK YOU A
QUESTION?

OSH

...THAT'S ON
OUR HEADS?

WHAT'S
THE
BOUNTY...

THIS IS
THE MONEY
THAT WE
TOOK FROM
VERROCCHIO'S
OFFICES.

WE'D LOVE
TO HAVE A
SHOOTOUT
WITH YOU,
BUT WE HAVE
URGENT
BUSINESS
TO SEE TO.

WHAT WOULD
YOU SAY IF WE
OFFERED YOU
100 GRAND TO
SAY YOU NEVER
SAW US?

80
GRAND.

...I SAID
DON'T
MOVE!

BUT
PERHAPS
WE CAN
MAKE A
DEAL?

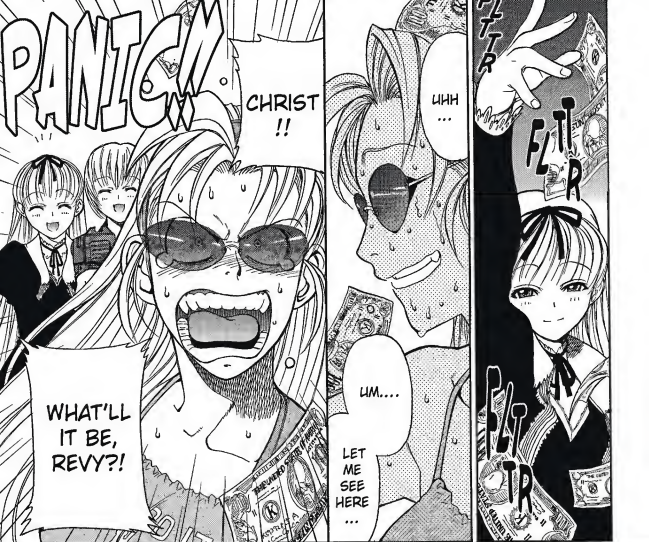
GOOD-
NESS,
THAT'S A
FORTUNE.

IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE
ON SOME
ERRAND
RUN.

HMPH. IT'LL
TAKE MORE
THAN THAT.

HOW
ABOUT...

...150
GRAND
THEN?





NO
DEAL
...

...AFTER
ALL.

THERE
THEY
ARE!!

IT'S THE
TWIN!!

RR
AK KAKB
THE CHINESE FROM LAGOON TRADERS AND A SISTER FROM THE HOOLIGAN CHURCH ARE WITH THEM AS WELL.

HQ, THIS IS JODOROWSKY! ENGAGING ENEMY AT POINT PSKOV!

ROGER! OVER AND OUT!!

YOU ARE CLEARED TO NEUTRALIZE THEM IF THEY GET IN THE WAY.

THOSE TWO ARE NOT IN OUR PLANS.

THAT'S HOTEL MOSCOW !!

BACK OFF, EDA!!

THOSE PRICKS !!

SISTER DEAREST...

THEY'VE COME, SISTER DEAREST!

SPLENDID, BROTHER DEAREST.

WE MUST THROW THE RUSSIANS INTO CONFUSION.

WE'LL SPLIT UP AND HUNT DOWN THE RUSSIANS.

IF WE CAN SCATTER THEM, THEY'LL BE SURE TO RETURN TO THEIR NEST.

THE RUSSIANS !

OF
COURSE,
BROTHER
DEAREST.

I LOVE
YOU, TOO.

I LOVE
YOU.

NOW MAKE
SURE TO BE
CAREFUL,
SISTER
DEAREST.

AFFIRMATIVE.

VERY WELL.
TRAP TARGET
TWO. DO NOT
SCATTER YOUR
FORCES TO
SNARE THE
OTHER.

ONLY
TARGET
TWO IS
FOLLOW-
ING?

SQUAD
LAVTEK AND
SQUAD
ROBOROVSKI
HAVE
EXECUTED
THEIR
MISSION.
NOW MOVING
INTO FINAL
POSITION.

TARGET ONE,
CONTACT LOST
FOLLOWING
ENGAGEMENT.
TARGET TWO,
SQUAD BARONIN
HAS TARGET IN
RANGE.

DO NOT ALLOW
THE TARGET TO
CATCH WIND OF
OUR INTENT.
OUR TARGETS
ARE EXTREMELY
PERCEPTIVE.

DO NOT
WORRY,
CAPTAIN...I'VE
FULLY VERSED
MY MEN IN
HOW TO ACT
LIKE LOCAL
GANGSTERS.

MAKE THEM
BELIEVE THEY
HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE.
FEIGN CONFUSION
AND TURMOIL.

MY SQUADS
WILL MELT
AWAY ONCE
WE GET TO
THE PARK
ENTRANCE.

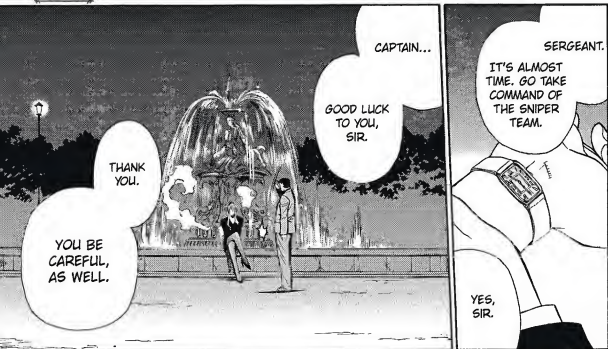
THE TARGET
HAS TAKEN THE
BAIT. THEY ARE
DRAWING THE
TARGET
TOWARD THE
DESIGNATED
POSITION!



YES, SIR!
OVER AND
OUT!

THE MORE
AGITATED THEY
BECOME, THE
LESS PERCEPTIVE
THEY WILL
BE. THAT'S
THE BREAK
WE NEED.

YOUR PRIORITY
IS TO AGITATE
THE TARGETS.
KEEP THEM OFF-
BALANCE AND
FRUSTRATED.



THANK
YOU.

YOU BE
CAREFUL,
AS WELL.

CAPTAIN...

GOOD LUCK
TO YOU,
SIR.

SERGEANT.

IT'S ALMOST
TIME. GO TAKE
COMMAND OF
THE SNIPER
TEAM.

YES,
SIR.



...TO AN
END.

RIGHT,
THEN...

TIME TO
BRING THIS
PATHETIC
CARNIVAL
NONSENSE...

FUCKHEAD

IF IT WEREN'T
FOR ME, HOTEL
MOSCOW'D'VE
CUT YOUR BALLS
OFF A LONG TIME
AGO!

EAT
SHIT
AND
DIE!!

COMP-
RENDE?!

UNLIKE YOU,
I NEVER
HAD ANY
BALLS TO
BEGIN
WITH!!

YOU
RETARD!!

OH YEAH?!

LIKE I
SAID, WE
SHOULD'VE
TAKEN THEIR
OFFER.

BUT YOU
HAD TO
GO AND
GET ALL
GREEDY
AGAIN!

SNAP

IT'S A DAMNED
SHAME WE
COULDN'T PUT
THOSE TWO DOWN
BEFORE HOTEL
MOSCOW CAME
ALONG.

THEY'LL CHASE
US AWAY IF WE
TRY GOING
AFTER THE
TWIN'S NOW.

OH,
MAN...

I'M GONNA
LOOK LIKE A
COMPLETE
TWIT IF I GO
BACK TO THE
CHURCH WITH
NOTHING TO
SHOW FOR IT.

GRRR

REEEEEEALLY? YOU
CAN TALK IT BUT
CAN YOU WALK IT,
SHITBIRD? OR DID
YOU GET YOUR
GUN FROM A
CEREAL BOX?

WELL?!

RRR

RRR

WELL,
NOW...

QUITE A
COMEDIAN, AREN'T
YA REVY? HOW
ABOUT ADDING
ANOTHER A-HOLE
TO MAKE YOUR
ACT COMPLETE?

PT

NK

WHAAAT?
WHAT
ABOUT
ME?!

I'M GOING
BACK TO
THE OFFICE.

LET ME KNOW
IF SOMETHING
TURNS UP.

...
AH,
WHAT-
EVER...

C'MON! I
DON'T WANNA
GO GET MY
CAR ALONE IN
THE MIDDLE OF
A GUNFIGHT!!

TAG ALONG
WITH ME,
REVV!
YOU'RE A PAL,
RIGHT?!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

JEEZ...

THIS IS
POINT-
LESS...

YOU GOD-
DAMNED
HEARTLESS
PIG!

SCREW IT.
GO BY
YOURSELF.

YOU'RE NOT
SOME
SCHOOLGIRL,
YOU KNOW.

HELLO
THERE.

NICE
LADY.

KL
CHAK
I'LL GET
HER FOR
THIS
SOME-
DAY...

SHIT...

GOOD
HEAVENS, I'D
RATHER NOT
FACE YOU TWO
BY MYSELF.

I'VE BEEN
WAITING TO
GET YOU
ALONE.

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN
THERE?

...

BUT WE'VE
ALREADY KILLED
OFF VERROCCHIO
AND HIS GANG.
THEY WERE
SUPPOSED TO
TAKE CARE OF
OUR GETAWAY.

ONCE MY DEAR
BROTHER
KILLS THAT
RUSSIAN
WOMAN, WE'LL
NEED TO GET
AWAY QUICKLY.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'D LIKE
YOUR HELP
WITH, NICE
LADY.

WHY KEEP
DOING THIS?
WHAT'S THE
POINT?

AND WHAT IS THE
POINT OF GOING
AFTER BALALAIKA?
VERROCCHIO'S DEAD,
THERE'S NOTHING
THAT SAYS YOU
CAN'T BACK OUT
NOW.

YOU KNEW
ALL THAT, AND
YOU KILLED
VERROCCHIO
ANYWAY?

YOU
IDIOT...

BECAUSE
WE WANT
TO, THAT'S
WHY.

AAHAHA
HAHA!

WHAT'S THE
POINT?
WHY, YOU
ASK?

THERE'S NO
OTHER REAL
REASON.
WE DO IT
BECAUSE WE
WANT TO.
THAT'S ALL.

SILLY
LADY. YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
WHY?

HEH-
HEH...AH
HAHAHA...

HEH...

HEH...

...

SQUEEZE

I'D LIKE SOME-
ONE IN THAT
LINE OF WORK
WHO'S BOTH
RELIABLE AND
CAPABLE.

SO,
NICE LADY,
PLEASE TELL
ME, WON'T
YOU?

IN ANY
CASE,
THAT'S NOT
IMPORTANT.

I NEED YOU
TELL ME
ABOUT A
GETAWAY
SPECIALIST.



THERE'S
NO POINT
HIDING.

COME ON
OUT, MY
DEAR.





WELL, WHAT
SHALL WE
DO?

MAYBE WE
SHOULD HAVE
A LITTLE
CHAT?

WHY DON'T WE
TALK ABOUT
THE MEN OF
YOURS THAT
WE KILLED?



YOU
SENSED ME
COMING,
DID YOU?

YOU'RE VERY
IMPRESSIVE,
MA'AM. AND
YOUR MEN ARE
GOOD TOO.

I CHASED
THEM ALL
AROUND, BUT
THEY ALL GOT
AWAY BEFORE
I COULD KILL
ANY OF
THEM.



OVER AND
OVER WHILE
BLOOD WAS
FROTHING
FROM HIS
MOUTH...

UNTIL THE
VERY END HE
KEPT ON
YELLING,
"CAPTAIN!"
CAPTAIN!"



ANY ORDINARY
MAN WOULD
HAVE DIED
BUT HE HELD MUCH QUICKER.
ON MUCH
LONGER THAN
USUAL.



HMM...

OH,
REALLY?

TAK

BUT BEFORE
YOU MEET YOUR
END, I INSIST
THAT YOU
APOLOGIZE FOR
YOUR MISCHIEF.

ISN'T THAT
RIGHT,
LITTLE BOY?

WHY DON'T YOU
JUST KNEEL
DOWN RIGHT
THERE.



YES, A
SHAME
INDEED.

I'M SORRY
TO SAY,
LITTLE
BOY...

THIS IS THE
END OF THE
LINE FOR YOU.



WOW,
YOU'RE
PRETTY
COLD.

SHING

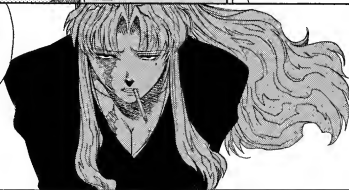
BUT DON'T
WORRY, MA'AM.
YOU'LL JOIN
HIM SOON
ENOUGH.

IT'S A SHAME
THAT I CAN'T TAKE
MY TIME DOING
THIS.

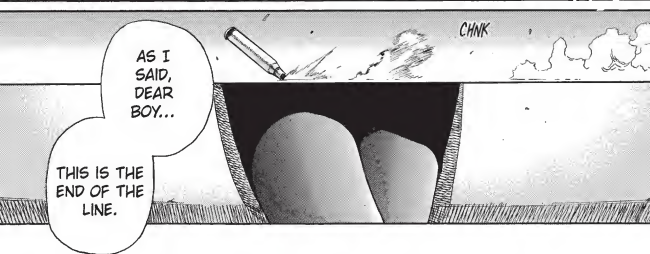


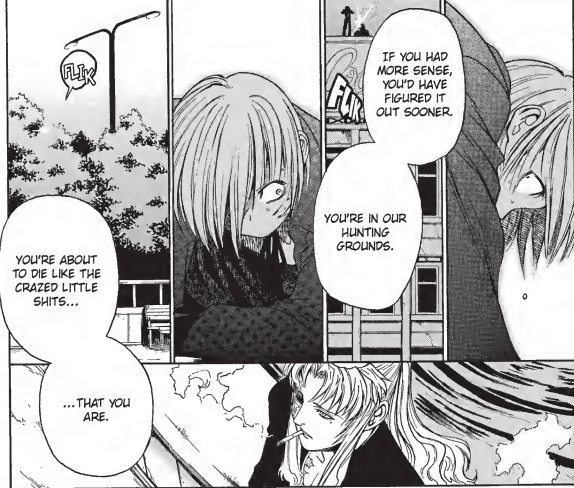
OH, YOU CAN
SAY...

KNEEL.











THAT MEANS WE
CAN LIVE THAT
MUCH LONGER. WE
HAVE SO MANY
MORE...MORE
LIVES.

WE'RE
IMMORTAL.
GOOD HEAVENS,
YES. WE NEVER,
EVER DIE...

I'VE KILLED
SO MANY
PEOPLE
ALREADY.

I'VE KILLED
LOTS AND LOTS
AND LOTS AND
LOTS.



IT THAT
WHAT YOU
BELIEVE?

QUITE AN
ADMIRABLE
WAY TO SEE
THE WORLD.

CONSIDERING
WHAT YOU DID TO
MY MEN, THAT
WOULD EVEN THE
SCORE AND
PERHAPS LEAVE
SOMETHING
EXTRA. BUT...

I COULD
TAKE
YOU...

AND
TORTURE YOU,
THOROUGHLY
...BEFORE I
KILL YOU.

BUT THE
CORRECT
ANSWER IS
LIKE THE
SONG THAT
GOES...

"NO ONE LIVES
FOREVER."
THAT'S ALL
THERE IS TO IT.

AS IT IS, I
HAVE MORE
CLASS THAN
YOU DO.

I AM NOT
SICK, AND I
AM NOT
TWISTED.

AND FOR THAT
REASON, I WILL
SIMPLY WATCH
YOU DIE.

NOW...



I OFFER
UP THESE
VERY LAST
MOMENTS OF
YOUR LIFE...

WITH THOSE
BULLET
WOUNDS, YOU
WON'T LAST
MORE THAN
10 MINUTES.

...TO THE SOULS
OF SAKHAROV
AND MENSHOV
TO GIVE THEM
PEACE.

UMNFF.

HMNP.

URMNFF.

...

'NFF...

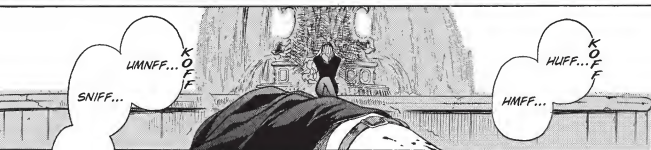
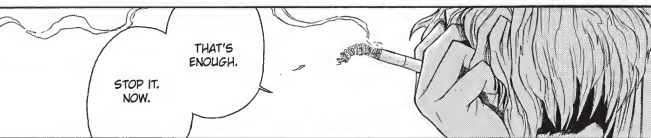
MFF...

THNK

...

...
ALTHOUGH I
DOUBT...

...YOU'D
UNDERSTAND
ANY OF THIS...





SERGEANT...

OUR BUSINESS
HERE IS DONE.
CONTACT THE
TRIAD.

CAPTAIN!



FORGIVE
ME...

I'M SORRY I
INSISTED THAT
WE DO THIS
MY WAY.

CAPTAIN,
YOU HAD ME
WORRIED.

OUR FINGERS
WERE ON THE
TRIGGER AND
TENSED UP
THAT WHOLE
TIME...



I WILL
RETURN TO
THE OFFICE
WITH A
GUARD
ESCORT.

PERHAPS IT'S
MY AGE
SHOWING,
SERGEANT.

ROGER
THAT.
CAPTAIN,
AND WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

ONE OF THEM
IS STILL ON
THE LOOSE.
CONTINUE THE
SEARCH.



...WHAT A
WORLD WE
LIVE IN.

I FEEL
TIRED...

BY GOD...

MIDNIGHT, WITH THE STARS
AND YOU, MIDNIGHT, AND A
RENDEZVOUS.

YOUR EYES HELD A
MESSAGE TENDER...

...SAYING, "I SURRENDER
ALL MY LOVE TO YOU."

MIDNIGHT BROUGHT US
SWEET ROMANCE...

I KNOW ALL MY WHOLE
LIFE THROUGH I'LL BE
REMEMBERING YOU,

WHATEVER
ELSE I DO...

...MIDNIGHT WITH THE
STARS AND YOU,

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AT LEAST
HER VOICE
SOUNDS
ANGELIC.

NICE
VOICE.

HARD TO BELIEVE
SUCH BEAUTIFUL
SINGING COULD
COME OUT OF
THE MOUTH OF
A PSYCHOTIC
SERIAL KILLER.



YOU SAID IT.
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE SERIAL KILLER WHO BROUGHT ON ROANAPUR'S NIGHT OF HORROR WOULD HIRE US?

BUT I TELL YA...

TALK ABOUT A STRANGE TURN OF EVENTS.

...PLUS, THE ADDED BONUS OF FIFTY CASES OF 12.7 MM AMMUNITION FOR FREE.

EVEN BETTER IS THE 150 THOUSAND DOLLAR FEE WE'RE GETTING...

HEH.

WHAT THE HELL, A CLIENT'S A CLIENT. JOBS LIKE THIS ARE JUST BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR US, RIGHT?



WE TOOK THIS JOB ON THE CONDITION THAT NOTHING NASTY HAPPENS TO EDA.

I FEEL SORRY FOR EDA.



I'D SAY EDA WAS DAMNED LUCKY. HAVING TO SWIPE SOME AMMO TO STAY ALIVE IS A BARGAIN IN MY BOOK.

SHE NEARLY GETS KILLED, AND NOW SHE'S STUCK HAVING TO SHOPLIFT FROM DEEGAN.



HOW 'BOUT IT, BENNY BOY?

IN FACT, I'M SO NOBLE THEY SHOULD NOMINATE ME FOR THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR HUMANITARIANISM.

HEY NOW, HOLD UP. YOU MAKE ME SOUND LIKE I'M THE BAD GUY HERE.



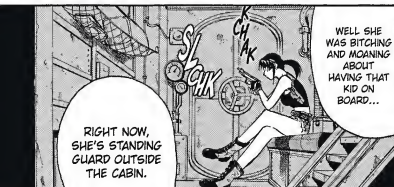
REVVY?

SO,
HEY...

WHAT'S
REVY UP
TO?



IF THAT
WERE TRUE,
THEN THEY
SHOULD'VE
GIVEN THE
NOBEL PEACE
PRIZE TO JIM
JONES IN
GUYANA.



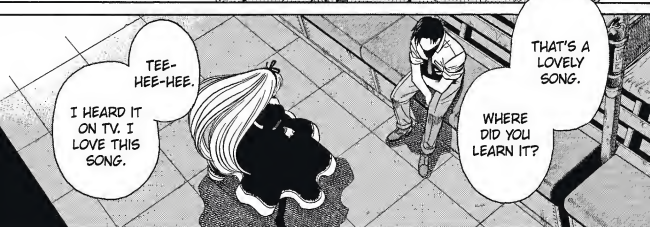
WELL SHE
WAS BITCHING
AND MOANING
ABOUT
HAVING THAT
KID ON
BOARD...

RIGHT NOW,
SHE'S STANDING
GUARD OUTSIDE
THE CABIN.

HMM.
BLOW IT
OUT YOUR
ASS.



JUST TO BE
SAFE, FOR
ROCK'S SAKE.

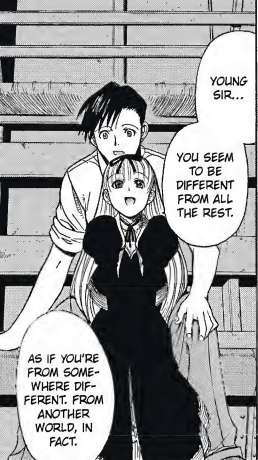


TEE-
HEE-HEE.

I HEARD IT
ON TV. I
LOVE THIS
SONG.

THAT'S A
LOVELY
SONG.

WHERE
DID YOU
LEARN IT?



YOUNG
SIR...

YOU SEEM
TO BE
DIFFERENT
FROM ALL
THE REST.

AS IF YOU'RE
FROM SOME-
WHERE DIF-
FERENT. FROM
ANOTHER
WORLD, IN
FACT.



HEY!

WAIT A
SECOND!

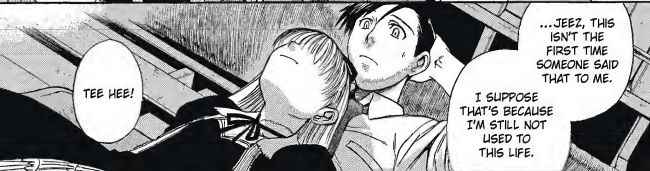


BUT...

...THAT WAS
THE VERY
FIRST TIME
I EVER
SANG IT...

TH
MP

...FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE
BESIDES
MY DEAR
BROTHER.



TEE HEE!

...JEEZ, THIS
ISN'T THE
FIRST TIME
SOMEONE SAID
THAT TO ME.

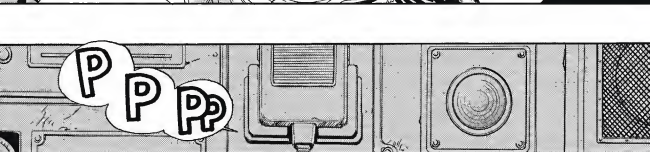
I SUPPOSE
THAT'S BECAUSE
I'M STILL NOT
USED TO
THIS LIFE.



I'M VERY GOOD
AT SPOTTING
GOOD PEOPLE.
DID YOU KNOW
THAT?

YOU'RE
A GOOD
PERSON,
YOUNG SIR.

YES,
YOU
ARE.



P P P



...DUTCH
HERE.



...IS
THAT YOU,
BALALAIKA?



DUTCH...

WATSAP WAS
GIVING ME A
HARD TIME.

BLOWING HIS
CHANCE TO GET
THAT BOUNTY
MONEY MUST
HAVE REALLY
RILED HIM UP.



I ASSUME
YOU KNOW
WHY I'M
CALLING.



OF
COURSE.

OUR FEE
FOR THIS
JOB FULLY
MATCHES THE
RISK. FEEL
FREE TO COME
AFTER US.

LISTEN...

...ARE YOU
AWARE OF
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING?



DUTCH...

WE'RE
COURIERS,
AFTER ALL.
WE'RE
ALWAYS
UP FOR A
CHASE.

HELL, YEAH.
IT'S NOT
LIKE I WAS
TRYING TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET.

I'M
SURPRISED
IT TOOK YOU
THIS LONG
TO CALL.



DUTCH!

WE GOT
SOMETHING
INBOUND
FROM THE
NORTH...

DO I LOOK
LIKE I RUN
A CHARITY?

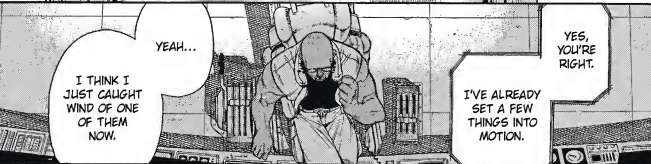
NO SENTI-
MENTALISM?

WE BOTH
HAVE JOBS
WE GOTTA DO.
THAT'S ALL
THERE IS TO IT.

ISN'T
THAT RIGHT,
BALALAIKA?

JUST
MAKING
SURE.

WHERE I
STAND WILL
CHANGE
DEPENDING
ON THAT.



YEAH...

I THINK I
JUST CAUGHT
WIND OF ONE
OF THEM
NOW.

YES,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I'VE ALREADY
SET A FEW
THINGS INTO
MOTION.



ROGER
THAT,
CAPTAIN.

IT'S STRICTLY
BUSINESS,
DUTCH. JUST
DOING WHAT WE
HAVE TO DO.

BEST OF
LUCK TO
YOU.



THEY SHOULD,
UNLESS WE
HOUND THEM
TOO HARD.

YES
SIR.

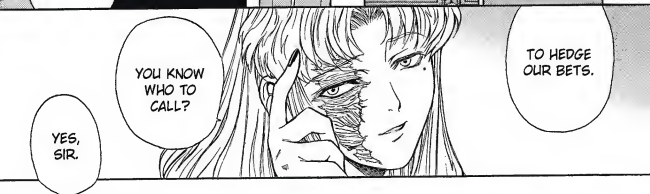
...
SERGEANT.

VERY
WELL.

BRING ME
"INDEX E"
FROM THE
TROUBLE LIST
FOLDER.

DO YOU THINK
THE **BLACK
LAGOON** WILL
MAINTAIN THEIR
HEADING?

CLAK



YOU KNOW
WHO TO
CALL?

YES,
SIR.

TO HEDGE
OUR BETS.



FRANKLY, I
EXPECTED
THIS SOONER.

TAKE
A LOOK.

DID
THEY
SNIFF
US OUT
ALREADY?

WOW,
THEY
DON'T
WASTE
THEIR
TIME.

THAT'S
BALALAIKA
AT WORK,
BENNY.

HOTEL MOSCOW
HAS ITS CLAWS
IN EVERY NOOK
AND CRANNY OF
EVERY CORRUPT
AUTHORITY
THERE IS.

THEY'RE
PROWLING
BACK AND
FORTH ON THE
VERY EDGE OF
THAI TERRITO-
RIAL WATERS.

THEIR
BEARINGS
ARE SEND-
ING THEM
OFF THEIR
STANDARD
PATROL
ROUTES.

YEAH, I
SAW IT IN
MY CABIN,
TOO.

VIETNAMESE
NAVY, I BET.

UTS
MID

TYPE

liner/*****NO SIGNAL
ship./*****NO SIGNAL
boat/*****NO SIGNAL

MY SHIP//STP7733
GPS://*****ON

ARE WE
GONNA
HAVE TO
FIGHT
THEM?

NO WAY IN HELL.
WE'RE A PT
BOAT, AND
THEY'RE
A MISSILE
FRIGATE.

WHICH ALSO
MEANS THEY
WON'T VENTURE
INTO FOREIGN
TERRITORIAL
WATERS.

BINGO.

pot
vis
R00
???
/
/
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HOW
ABOUT
BRUNEI?

WE COULD
CONTACT
MELODY LEE
THERE.

NEVERTHELESS,
IT'S A BIG PAIN.
THIS MEANS
OUR PLAN TO
MAKE IT TO
HAINAN ISLAND
IS SHOT.

ANY
IDEAS?

THE ONLY OTHER
PERSON THAT'S IN
OUR RANGE WITH-
OUT REFUELING
WOULD BE ELROY
AT PANGKAL
PINANG.

HE'S AN
OLD-TIMER,
BUT HE'S A
DAMN GOOD
GETAWAY
FIXER.

THEN
HOW'S
THIS...

WE'LL
KEEP
HEADING
NORTH-BY-
NORTHWEST.

NO
CAN DO.

ONCE
THOSE
FRIGATES
CATCH US
IN OPEN
WATERS,
WE'RE TOAST.



GOT
IT.

I'LL
CONTACT HIM
IMMEDIATELY.

YOU'RE RIGHT
ABOUT OUR
OPTIONS BEING
LIMITED. LET'S
RUN WITH THAT.

BIGHORN
ELROY,
EH?



HERE I AM,
OUT ON THE
HIGH SEAS,
BUT I'M
BARRED FROM
ENJOYING ITS
BEAUTY.

HOW
DREADFUL!

OH,
DARN IT!

THE
OCEAN'S
RIGHT
THERE!



I'VE NEVER
HAD A CHANCE
TO PLAY ON
THE BEACH,
NO.

NOT ONCE
WHILE WE WERE
IN SICILY. NOT
EVER AT THE
ORPHANAGE.

ALL THAT
SURROUNDED
US WERE
THESE GRAY
WALLS.

SO YOU
NEVER...

...HAD A
GOOD
LOOK
AT THE
OCEAN?

I'M
SORRY.

BUT THESE
ARE THE
RULES.

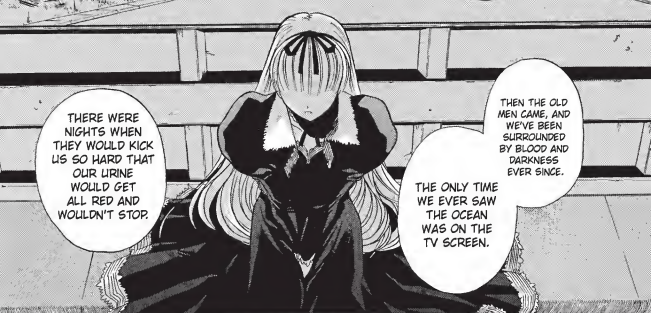
THAT'S
OKAY. I'M
USED TO
IT.



IT WAS
ALWAYS
CLOUDY, AND
IT WAS A
LONELY
PLACE TO
LIVE.

WE WERE
BORN UP
IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

SURROUNDED
BY THE
STONEY CLIFFS
OF THE
CARPATHIANS.



THERE WERE
NIGHTS WHEN
THEY WOULD KICK
US SO HARD THAT
OUR URINE
WOULD GET
ALL RED AND
WOULDN'T STOP.

THEN THE OLD
MEN CAME, AND
WE'VE BEEN
SURROUNDED
BY BLOOD AND
DARKNESS
EVER SINCE.

THE ONLY TIME
WE EVER SAW
THE OCEAN
WAS ON THE
TV SCREEN.



AT FIRST I'D
HAVE THESE
CONVERSATIONS
WITH MY DEAR
BROTHER...

...ABOUT
WHY GOD...

...WOULD
BE SO CRUEL
TO US.



AND WE WOULD
BEAT THEM,
OVER AND
OVER, WHILE
THEY CRIED...

BUT
THEN...

BROTHER
DEAREST AND
I REALIZED
SOMETHING.

IT WAS
WHEN OTHER
CHILDREN WERE
BROUGHT
TO US...



LAUGHING OUT
LOUD, I THOUGHT
TO MYSELF, "THIS
MUST BE HOW IT'S
ALL SET UP."

EVERYONE
THERE WAS
LAUGHING.

MY BROTHER
DEAREST AND
I LAUGHED,
AS WELL.



SOME FORCE
THAT TURNS
THE EARTH
LIKE THE
WHEEL OF A
BICYCLE.

A FORCE
GENERATED
WHEN A
PERSON
TAKES THE
LIFE OF
ANOTHER.

YES.

I CAN RECALL
HOW BROTHER
DEAREST ONCE
TOLD ME GOD
CREATED IT ALL
THIS WAY.



WE'D KILL AND
KILL, AND KILL
SOME MORE.
AND THAT
WOULD MAKE
THE WORLD GO
AROUND.

...THEN
THAT WAS
THE REASON
FOR OUR
EXISTENCE.

IF THE
WORLD WAS
CREATED
FOR THAT
PURPOSE...



DOESN'T
THAT MAKE
YOU SAD?

BUT YOUR
BROTHER DIED
BECAUSE
OF THAT
ARRANGEMENT
...



THIS WORLD
WOULDN'T EXIST
IF WE DIDN'T
HAVE TO KILL.
THAT'S WHY WE
EXIST, WHY
EVERYONE ELSE
EXISTS.

A LONG,
LONG
TIME...AND
WE'LL KEEP
ON KILLING,
SO THAT
THE WORLD
WILL KEEP
ON TURN-
ING.

WE'VE
BEEN
KILLING
FOR A
LONG
TIME.



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT,
YOUNG SIR?

I'M RIGHT
HERE. I'M
ALWAYS WITH
MY SISTER
DEAREST.



SO YOU
SEE, YOUNG
SIR...

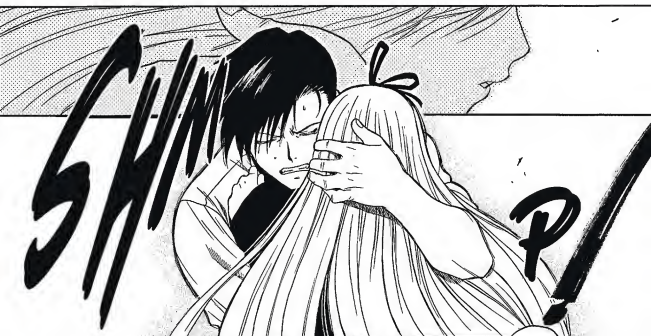
KILLING
DOESN'T
MAKE US
SAD.

THE STENCH
OF BLOOD. THE
SCREAMS.
THE WARMTH
OF VITAL
ORGANS...

WE'VE
COME TO
LOVE IT
ALL!

AFTER ALL,
WE NEVER DIE.
WE'RE PART OF
THE ETERNAL
CYCLE.





THAT ISN'T
WHAT THIS
WORLD IS
FOR.

NO,
THAT'S
WRONG.

NO.

THE BLOOD
AND THE
DARKNESS...
THAT'S JUST A
SMALL PART OF
THIS WORLD.

THE WHOLE
WORLD IS NOT
AT ALL LIKE
THAT...IT'S
NOT!!

THE WORLD
EXISTS...TO
BRING YOU
HAPPINESS.

LISTEN
TO ME...



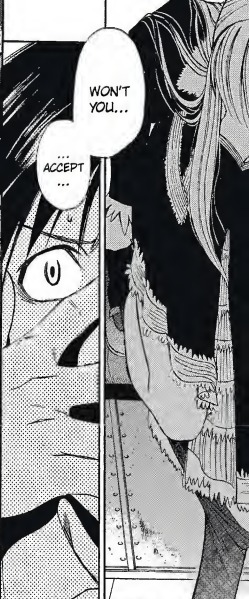
OH
DEAR...

...I'VE
NEVER MET
ANYONE AS
KIND AS
YOU.



PLEASE
DON'T CRY,
YOUNG SIR.

PLEASE...





CHECK IN
ON HIM,
OKAY?

I'LL TAKE
CARE OF
THE KID.

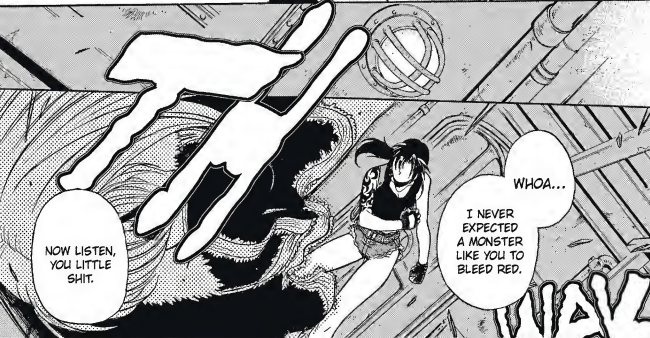
ALL
RIGHT,
YOU DO
THAT.



WAS
THAT
ROCK?

YEAH.

LISTEN,
BENNY...



NOW LISTEN,
YOU LITTLE
SHIT.

WHOA...

I NEVER
EXPECTED
A MONSTER
LIKE YOU TO
BLEED RED.



...WITHOUT
MISERABLE
PUNKS LIKE
YOU.

EVERYONE
WOULD
BE MUCH
HAPPIER.

THE
WORLD
WOULD BE
BETTER
OFF...

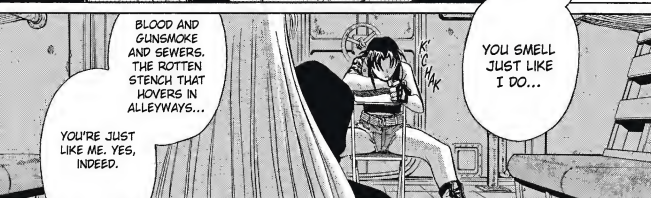


I COULDN'T
AGREE MORE
WITH MS.
BALALAIKA.

IT'S TOO
BAD SHE
DIDN'T GET
YOU.



TEE-
HEE-HEE...



BLOOD AND
GUNSMOKE
AND SEWERS.
THE ROTTEN
STENCH THAT
HOVERS IN
ALLEYWAYS...

YOU'RE JUST
LIKE ME. YES,
INDEED.

YOU SMELL
JUST LIKE
I DO...



YOU SAY ONE
MORE THING
TO PISS ME
OFF, AND I'LL
KILL YOU.

YOU GOT
THAT?

I DON'T
GIVE A
RAT'S
ASS IF
I AM.

YOU MESS
WITH HIM
ONCE MORE,
AND I'LL
KILL YOU.



THOSE
BASTARDS...

THEY GANGED
UP ON THEM
AND TURNED
THEM INTO
PREDATORS.

PREDATORS
THAT LEARNED
TO LOVE
HUMAN FLESH.
THOSE
INHUMAN
BASTARDS!!

WHY?

WHO
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
LIKE
THIS...?

GT
HUP

DAMN!

DAMN
IT!!

THU
NK

GOD
DAMN
IT!



...ROCK...

YOU'VE GOT
TO LEARN
NOT TO
LOOK AT
THESE
THINGS
STRAIGHT
ON.



THAT'S ALL
YOU CAN
DO, ROCK.

THAT'S JUST
HOW IT IS
WHERE WE
ARE.

YOU GOTTA
LEARN TO
DEAL WITH IT.



WHAT
IF I-



WHAT
IF YOU
ADOPTED
THAT
CHILD?

THERE'S
NO
POINT.

THE KID
WOULD
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
STOP.





THEY WOULD
HAVE GONE TO
SCHOOL, MADE
FRIENDS, AND
LIVED HAPPILY.

...IF
ONLY...
IF SOMEONE
HAD ONLY
SHOWED THEM
A LITTLE
KINDNESS.



...
ROCK.
IT JUST
DIDN'T
WORK OUT
THAT WAY
FOR THEM.

BUT IT DIDN'T
TURN OUT
LIKE THAT.



AND
THAT'S
WHY...

...THIS
DISCUSSION
IS OVER.





TMP



YEAH.
SORRY ABOUT
THE RUSH.
HAVE YOU GOT
THE PASSPORT
AND THINGS
READY?

YEAH,
SOMEHOW.
IT'S ALWAYS
LIKE THIS.



SO
THIS
GIRL...

SHE'S
THE
CARGO
THIS
TIME?

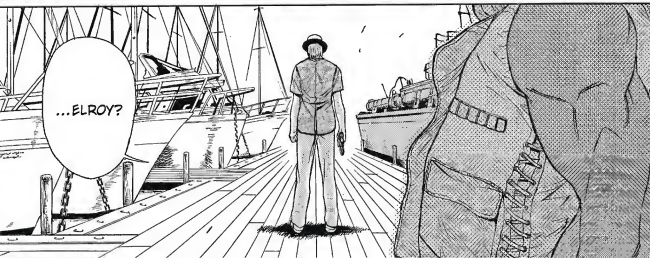
YEAH, IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
HASN'T IT?

HEY,
DUTCH...

LONG
TIME, NO
SEE.









HOTEL
MOSCOW,
DUTCH...

YOU JUST
FLUSHED
YOUR
CAREER
DOWN THE
TOILET.

HOW MANY
DECADES OF
WORK AND
EXPERIENCE HAD
YOU INVESTED,
ELROY? NOW
IT'S ALL GONE.



WHAT
ELSE?



I GOT A
LETTER FROM
HIS WIFE
ABOUT TWO
MONTHS AGO.

HE'S ONLY
34, BUT
SHE SAYS
HE HAS
CANCER.



...
I HAVE A
SON IN
SOUTH
AFRICA.



EITHER
WAY, I'M
TOO OLD
FOR THIS.

THIS IS MY
LAST JOB.

AND I GOT
A PRETTY
GOOD PRICE
FROM HOTEL
MOSCOW, TOO.

PULLING
OFF THESE
HIGH-WIRE ACTS
IS GETTING TO
BE TOO MUCH
FOR ME.

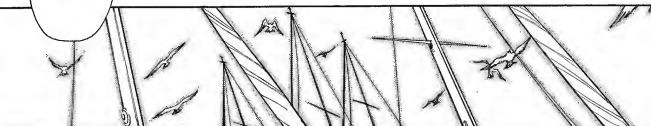


I'D SAY
THIS SHITTY
ASSIGNMENT IS A
PERFECT WAY
FOR ME TO LEAVE
ALL THIS BEHIND.

...AND
YOU KNOW
SOMETHING...

THIS ISN'T A
BUSINESS A
MAN CAN BE
PROUD OF.

SO LONG,
DUTCH.



...NO...

...DUTCH.

ROCK
...

GET OUT A
CANVAS
SHEET.

AT LEAST
WE CAN
COVER UP
THE BODY.

THE
KID'S
LAST
WORDS
WERE...

"THE SKY IS
BEAUTIFUL."
HUH.

CRAP.



..THIS
WAY.

IT'S
OKAY...



LET THIS
CHILD LOOK
INTO THE
SKY...



...AND ENJOY
THE OCEAN IN
ETERNAL
REST...

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...THE
CARNAGE IS
UNBELIEV-
ABLE.

SO FAR, THE
CONFIRMED
DEATH TOLL
INCLUDES
37 EMBASSY
STAFF
PERSONNEL...

THE EXTERIOR
OF THE
BUILDING HAS
BEEN ALMOST
COMPLETELY
OBLITERATED.

TOTAL
CASUALTIES,
INCLUDING LIGHT
AND SERIOUS
INJURIES, ARE AT
LEAST 150. ZAIRE
ARMY PERSONNEL
CONTINUE TO ENGAGE
IN RESCUE EFFORTS
AT THE SITE.



IN LIGHT OF THIS
BOMBING, THE
WHITE HOUSE
HELD A PRESS
CONFERENCE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
THIS MORNING,
WHERE UNITED
STATES NATIONAL
SECURITY ADVISOR
SAMUEL BERGER
STATED...

A STATEMENT
WAS ISSUED
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE
EXPLOSION BY
A GROUP...

...IDENTIFYING
ITSELF AS THE
ISLAMIC FRONT
OF NATIONAL
SALVATION
CLAIMING
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE
BOMBING...



REVVY!

YOU
AWAKE?

WHAT A
MESS.

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A JOB
JUST CAME
IN. A RUSH
ASSIGNMENT.



DUTCH
SAYS
IT'S AN
EMERGENCY.



REVVY?!



HRMM?



...ROCK?

DUTCH SENT
ME HERE WITH
STRICT
INSTRUCTIONS
TO GET YOU UP
AND BACK TO
THE OFFICE
PRONTO.



YEAH, IT'S
ME, REVY.

SOMETHING
ABOUT A BIG
JOB COMING
IN ALL OF A
SUDDEN.



...
WHO'S
THE
CLIENT?

MISTER
CHANG...

MISTER
CHANG, OF
THE TRIAD.





YOU SHOULD
REVISE YOUR
CUSTOMER
SERVICE
MANUAL, DUTCH.

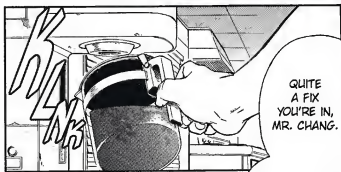
YOU KNOW,
I'VE BEEN
SITTING HERE
FOR A WHILE
NOW...

I'D'VE
THOUGHT EVEN
A PLACE LIKE
THIS WOULD
SERVE THEIR
CLIENTS
COFFEE.



MR. CHANG,
SHOULD I SPELL
OUT WHY OUR
STORE ALWAYS
HAS A PT BOAT
ON STANDBY?

WELL, WELL...
I DIDN'T KNOW
I WAS RUNNING
A COFFEE
HOUSE.



KLN
QUITE
A FIX
YOU'RE IN,
MR. CHANG.



YEAH...

A BIG
MESS. AND
THIS HERE...

YOUR
OFFICES GOT
PARTIALLY
DEMOLISHED,
RIGHT?



DUTCH,
THAT'S
JUST
MEAN.

WE CAME
STRAIGHT HERE
AFTER OUR
OFFICE WAS
BLOWN TO
BITS. CUT ME
SOME SLACK
AND POUR ME
A CLIPPA.



I GOT THIS
OFF OF A
BULGARIAN
SCUMBAG...
...TRYING TO
MAKE A QUICK
BUCK IN MY
TERRITORY.



LAST I REMEMBER,
THE ONLY OUTFIT
WE ALLOW TO
SELL WEAPONS IN
THIS TOWN IS THE
CHURCH OF VIOLENCE,
RUN BY THAT
HAG...OUR DEAR
SISTER YOLANDA.



BUT
THIS LOSER
HAD IT ALL
FIGURED
WRONG.

WE CAUGHT
HIM TRYING TO
PEDDLE WEAPONS
LIKE SHRIMP
PUFFS AT A
STREET STALL.

...IS THE
ROOT OF
ALL MY
MISFORTUNE.



IT SEEMS HE
MISTOOK MY
WARNING AS
SOME KIND OF
JOKE OR
PRANK.

STILL, IT'S
WORTH IT.



BY THE TIME
HE FINALLY
WISED UP AND
FIGURED OUT
I WAS FOR
REAL...



AN
EXTREMELY
FOOLISH
MAN, TO
BE SURE.

...HE WAS
THIS CLOSE
TO HAVING HIS
BALLS CRACKED
OPEN LIKE
WALNUTS.



BUT HIS
ANTICS GOT
HIM IN REAL
HOT WATER
THIS TIME.

BUT AS
IT TURNS
OUT, HIS
PROFESSION
IS RATHER
INTERESTING.

HE'S A BULGARIAN
INTELLIGENCE
OPERATIVE. A LOT
OF MEN LIKE
HIM FIND THIS
TOWN VERY
ACCOMMODATING.

HE'S ACTUALLY
QUITE HANDY.
A VERY
WELL-CONNECTED
INDIVIDUAL.



HIS JOB IS
TO CONNECT
VARIOUS
NATIONS AND
GROUPS THAT
SHARE THESE
GOALS.

SORT OF LIKE
A GOODWILL
DIPLOMAT OF
THE UNDER-
GROUND
SCENE.



BEING THE
KINDHEARTED
MAN THAT I
AM...



...I CONTACTED
HEZBOLLAH
ABOUT THIS
LOST ITEM OF
THEIRS.

HEZBOLLAH
?!

NOW THAT'S
A NASTY
BUNCH TO
ASSOCIATE
WITH.

AS IT TURNS
OUT, THAT'S
THIS BULGAR-
IAN'S MAIN LINE
OF WORK.

YOU CAN IMAGINE
HOW THE WORLD
IS FULL OF
PEOPLE THAT
WANT TO SEE
UNCLE SAM WIPED
OFF THE MAP.

IN EXCHANGE
FOR LEAVING
HIS WALNUTS
UNCRAKED, HE
HANDED
OVER...

...THIS
DOCUMENT,
DUTCH.

IT'S AN
ITINERARY
FOR A FUN
LITTLE
FIELD TRIP
THAT
HEZBOLLAH
IS PLANNING.

BUT...

WELL, TO
THAT, I
ANSWERED
...

... "SUIT YOURSELF.
I'LL SHOP IT
AROUND, THEN."

... WHEN I MENTIONED
THAT I WOULD
APPRECIATE A
FINDER'S FEE, THEY
TOLD ME TO GET LOST
BEFORE THEY
TOASTED MY ASS.





I NEED YOU TO
DELIVER THIS
CASE.

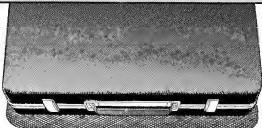
ALL RIGHT,
DUTCH...

HERE'S HOW
IT GOES.

AND AS A
RESULT, MY
OFFICES GOT
BLOWN
HALFWAY TO
JORDAN.

SO I END UP
RUSHING OVER
HERE WITH MY
ASS, IN FACT,
NEARLY GET-
TING TOASTED
AFTER ALL.

RATHER
ANNOYING, I
MUST SAY.



AND THEY ALL
HEAD OUT TO
DIFFERENT
DESTINATIONS.

THERE ARE
FIVE SUIT-
CASES. ONLY
ONE IS THE
REAL THING.
EVERYBODY
LEAVES
ROANAPUR
AT THE SAME
TIME...



IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT
THAT'S THE LEAST I
CAN DO, DON'T
YOU THINK? YOUR
DESTINATION IS THE
PHILIPPINE ARMY
BASE ON BASILAN.

YOU HAVE TWO
DAYS TO GET
THERE. AFTER
THAT, THE CIA
OPERATIVES AT
BASILAN WILL
HEAD BACK HOME.

DECOYS?



THAT'S
ONLY THE
BEGINNING...

BY THE TIME
HEZBOLLAH ARE
DONE WITH THEIR
FIELD TRIP,
THERE'LL BE A
NEW PRESIDENT
SITTING IN THE
WHITE HOUSE.

THE REASON UNCLE
SAM JUMPED ON MY
OFFER WAS BECAUSE
THEY SAW HOW
THEIR EMBASSY
BLASTED OFF LIKE A
SATURN V ROCKET.

THERE'S
NEVER
ENOUGH
TIME,
DUTCH.
THAT'S
HOW IT
ALWAYS IS.

THE U.S.
EMBASSY IN
ZAIRE WAS
BOMBED
LAST NIGHT.

THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH
TIME, MR.
CHANG.



I'M COUNTING
ON YOU,
DUTCH.

I'LL HAVE
ESCORTS
READY IF
NEED BE.

I'VE HIRED A
GETAWAY DRIVER
TO TAKE YOU TO
THE BASE ONCE
YOU GET TO
BASILAN.



I UNDER-
STAND. I'VE
BROUGHT-

ZZCHK

YOU
REALIZE THAT
EXPENSES
WILL BE
EXTRA.

DO YOU HAVE
A DOWN PAY-
MENT READY,
MR. CHANG?

KT
CHK





GREAT
BROTHER!!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!

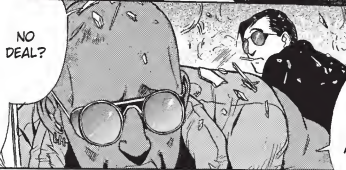


WELL...

...THAT
WAS
QUICK.

IN
THAT CASE
I'M NOT
COVERING
YOUR
REPAIRS.

NO
DEAL?



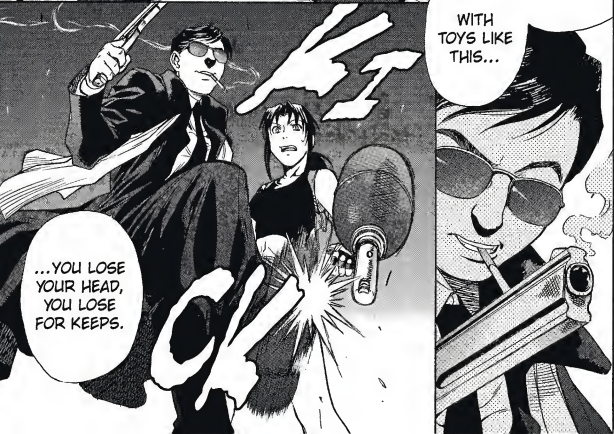
MR. CHANG,
YOU'RE
LEAKING
INTEL LIKE
A SIEVE.

AIN'T NO
WAY WE
CAN WORK
A JOB LIKE
THIS.









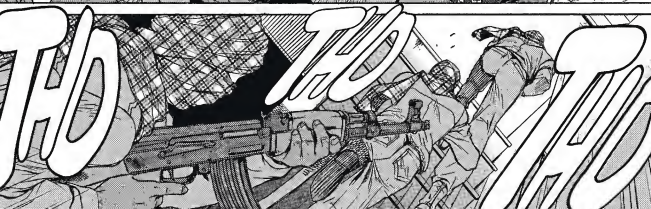
WITH
TOYS LIKE
THIS...



SEE WHAT
I MEAN?

LET'S
GO!!

CHANG'S
CLEARED
THE WAY!









KLIK!

...YOU'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN.

B

YOU'VE GOT POTENTIAL, BUT...

LIKE PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO YOUR FLANKS.

UMMP

B

WHACK

COMING FROM A CHINESE-AMERICAN LIKE YOU, THAT'S VERY ADMIRABLE.

SHIT, I DON'T COUNT FOR MUCH COMPARED TO YOU.

I LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE, REVY.

BUT I'LL KEEP TRYING.



DUTCH!

THAT
CAR'S FOR
YOU. USE
IT TO GET
TO THE
PIER!

JEEZUS
H. CHRIST.

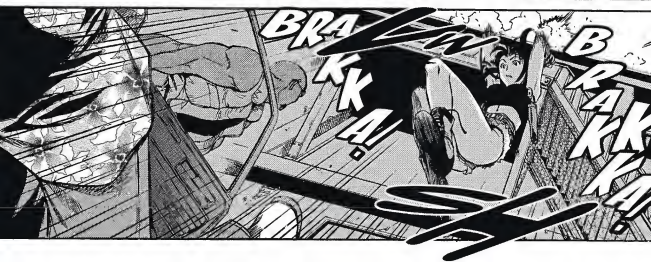
IT'D BE NICE
TO GET A JOB
WHERE OUR
LIVES AREN'T
IN JEOPARDY
FOR ONCE.



I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU, MR.
CHANG.

GIVE IT A
REST, DUTCH.
WE'LL FINISH
UP HERE.

NOW
GO!







YOU TOOK
HIM FOR
A MERE
HOODLUM.

BUT IT
SEEMS THIS
MOBSTER
CHANG IS
QUITE A
CLEVER GUY.



I GOTTA
WONDER.

FRANKLY, WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE TO GO
TO ALL THIS
TROUBLE IF
WE'D COM-
PLETELY
DESTROYED
THE TRIAD'S
OFFICES.



OUR
LINES OF
COMMUNICA-
TION...

...ARE NOT
AS WELL
ESTABLISHED
AMONG OUR
ASIAN
COMRADES.
THAT'S ALL.

ANYWAY, THIS
OPERATION
CAME OUT OF
THE BLUE. ONE
CAN'T EXPECT
IT TO RUN
FLAWLESSLY.



THE WORDS
OF CHAIRMAN
MAO, IBRAHA.
THAT'S THE KIND
OF STUFF THAT
YOU GOTTA
LEARN.

"ALWAYS
PAY CLOSER
ATTENTION
TO WORTHY
ENEMIES..."
"...THAN TO
ENEMIES THAT
DESERVE ONLY
CONTEMPT."



C'MON, IBRAHA,
IT SPEAKS
VOLUMES ABOUT
THE SITUATION
WE'RE IN.

BESIDES...

I'M JUST
AS MUCH OF
AN ATHEIST
AS MAO
WAS.



EMPTY
WORDS
FROM SOME
ATHEIST.

UTTERLY
WITHOUT
MERIT.





ABOUT OUR
OPERATION
IN NEW
YORK...

IT MIGHT BE
BETTER TO
MOVE IT UP.



IF WE TAKE ONE
FALSE STEP, OUR
ENTIRE PLAN—TWO
YEARS IN THE
MAKING—WILL BE
FOR NOTHING.

YOU ASK
FOR THE
IMPOSSIBLE,
TAKENAKA.

THE FBI
IS CLOSELY
MONITORING OUR
EVERY MOVE!



IF WE'RE GOING
TO DO IT, WE
MIGHT AS WELL
DO IT WITH A
REAL BANG.

USING THE
SUBWAY
SYSTEM
TO TURN MAN-
HATTAN INTO
THE ISLAND
OF THE
DEAD...

LISTEN,
IBRAHA
...



WHAT'S MORE,
THIS WAS PROVEN
TO BE THE CASE
BY JAPANESE MEN
JUST LIKE YOU,
TAKENAKA.

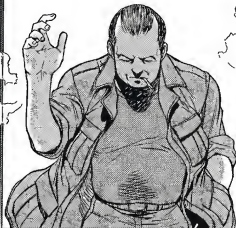
THEIR MAYOR
KEEPS MAKING
THESE PROMISES
TO KEEP THEM
SAFE. BUT THE
REALITY IS,
THERE'S NOTHING
THEY CAN DO TO
PREVENT IT.

IT'S FRIGHTENING
HOW EFFECTIVE
BIO-CHEMICAL
WEAPONS CAN
BE ON AN UNDER-
GROUND MASS-
TRANSIT SYSTEM.



I QUIT
BEING
JAPANESE...

...OVER 20
YEARS AGO.



...IBRAHA...

DID YOU
FORGET
ALREADY?

"CHANG CHANG
CHANG. THE
TRICHANG
SOCIETY."
UGH...



JESUS, DUTCH.
DID YOU HEAR
THE PASSWORD
MR. CHANG
CAME UP WITH?

WE'LL HEAD
OUT FROM
KALIMANTAN
THROUGH THE
JAVA SEA.
NO TIME FOR
DETOURS.



DUTCH, IS
THERE ANY
WAY WE CAN
REFUEL EN
ROUTE?

IT'S GONNA BE
PRETTY TIGHT
GETTING TO
BASILAN WITH-
OUT REFUELING.



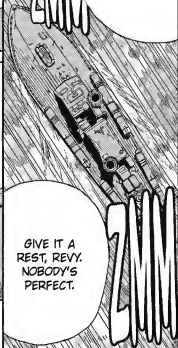
HE DRESSES
SHARP AND
ACTS SMOOTH,
BUT MAN, HIS
JOKES SUCK.

WANNA FIND
OUT IF THE
FISH ARE
BITING?

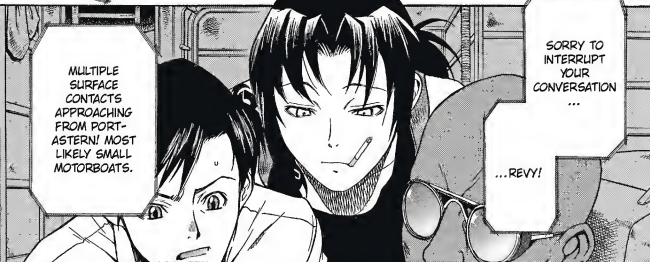
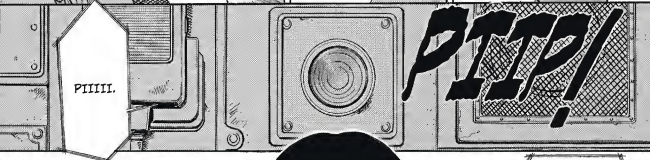
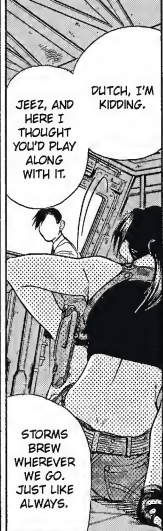


RELAX, ONCE
WE MAKE IT
OUT TO THE
OPEN SEA,
WE'RE GOOD
AS GOLD.

THIS'LL BE
LIKE A NICE
PLEASURE
CRUISE,
ROCK.



GIVE IT A
REST, REVV.
NOBODY'S
PERFECT.



NO
PROBLEM,
BENNY...

IT'S SHOW-
TIME, REVY!
MAKE 'EM
DANCE, HARD
AND FAST!

ONE
WICKED TANGO
NUMBER,
COMIN'
RIGHT UP.

THEY'RE GONNA TWIST
AND SHOUT RIGHT INTO
THE AFTERLIFE!!



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NO
PROBLEM,
BENNY...

ONE
WICKED
TANGO
NUMBER,
COMIN'
RIGHT UP.

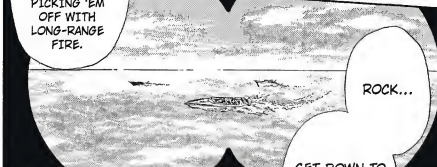




THEY'RE TOO FAR OUT TO DO ANYTHING RIGHT NOW. IT'S A BAD IDEA TO CLOSE IN ON 'EM...

...WITHOUT KNOWING HOW THEY'RE ARMED. I'LL START PICKING 'EM OFF WITH LONG-RANGE FIRE.

HOW'S IT LOOK?



ROCK...

GET DOWN TO THE HOLD AND GET ME THE BREN GUN AND THE REMINGTON.

BRING UP SOME HYDRA API* ROUNDS. A HIT WITH ONE OF THOSE'LL PUT A STOP TO 'EM.



ROCK...

WHY THE HELL...



DUTCH!

ARE THE HYDRAS-



IT'S AS IF THEY'RE
AVOIDING ATTACKING
US AND TAKING US
OUT. THIS IS REALLY
STARTING TO
BOTHER ME.

THEY'RE
MASSING
QUITE A FLEET
OUT THERE.

BUT THERE'S
NO SIGN OF
THEM GETTING
READY TO
ATTACK US.



THAT'S NOT
WHAT THIS IS
ABOUT.

TAKE THEM
OUT?

NO, YOU
IDIOT.



OH WELL, IT'S
TOO LATE NOW,
ANYWAY...

WHAT'S
IMPORTANT
HERE IS
SECURING
THE PLANS.
GET IT?

WE GOTTA
CONFIRM THEIR
WHEREABOUTS
OR THINGS WILL
GET MESSY.
IF ONLY WE
COULD DO THINGS
THROUGH LIBYA
LIKE BEFORE...



BUT WE HAVE
THE PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY
RIGHT NOW.

ONLY IF WE
HAVE TO-AT
THE VERY
END-THEN
WE'LL HIT
'EM.



...YIKES!

YES,
COMMANDER.

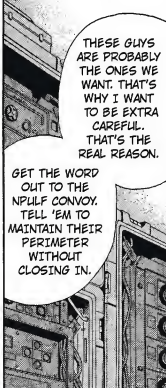
TIME FOR
MY FLIGHT.
GOTTA HEAD
OUT NOW.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

I'LL
CONTACT
IBRAHA
ABOUT THIS
MYSELF.

FLIGHT,
SIR?



THESE GUYS
ARE PROBABLY
THE ONES WE
WANT. THAT'S
WHY I WANT
TO BE EXTRA
CAREFUL.
THAT'S THE
REAL REASON.

GET THE WORD
OUT TO THE
NPULF CONVOY.
TELL 'EM TO
MAINTAIN THEIR
PERIMETER
WITHOUT
CLOSING IN.



DON'T LET YOUR
GUARD DOWN.
THIS BUNCH IS
DEFINITELY GOING
TO BE A HARD NUT
TO CRACK, YOU
GOT IT?

I GOTTA SAY,
THIS CHANG
CHARACTER'S ONE
INTRIGUING GUY.
NOW, LISTEN
CLOSE.

I FIGURED
OUT THEIR
DESTINATION
FROM THEIR
HEADING.



BUT THOSE
SHY FUCKS
WON'T COME
UP ON STAGE
FOR ME.

...GODDAMN
JERKS!

I'M ALL
READY
TO GET
INTIMATE
WITH 'EM...



MAN, THIS
BLOWS,
DUTCH...

IT'S
LIKE DUCK
HUNTING.
THEY GOT
NO FIGHT
IN 'EM.

WHAT'S
UP WITH
THESE
ASS-
HOLES?

WANT ME
TO PULL
AHEAD?

WE GOT
THE SIZE
ADVANTAGE.
WE COULD
FLOW
THROUGH A
COUPLE OF
THEIR BOATS,
EASY.

WELL, IF
WE HAVE
TO HURRY
AHEAD...



...RIGGED UP
FOR FUCKING
KAMIKAZES!!

DUTCH!!

EASE UP ON
THE THROTTLE!
THEIR BOATS
ARE...



DUTCH!

THE BOATS
HAVE PULLED
AWAY A
LITTLE.
THINK YOU
CAN PUNCH
THROUGH?

...
SO THAT'S
THE GAME
HERE,
HUH...

THAT'S
ONE SHARP
BASTARD
BACKING
THEM UP,
ALL RIGHT.

VRR
VRR



WE TRY TO
RUN THEIR
BLOCKADE, AND
THEY'LL SWARM
UP ON US ALL
AT ONCE.

NO CAN
DO, REVV.



WE'D BE
BLOWN TO
PIECES IN
A BLINK OF
AN EYE.

ALL IT TAKES
FOR THEM TO
WIN IS ONE
BOAT GETTIN'
TOO CLOSE.

IT'D BE
JUST LIKE
DROPPING AN
M-80 IN A CAN
OF SARDINES...

IT'S CLEAR
FROM THE GPS.
THEY'RE
GETTING A
STAIRWAY TO
HEAVEN READY.

KL
NK
NK

YOU'RE
RIGHT
ABOUT
THAT,
DUTCH.

THEY DON'T
WANT SOME
ISLAND
TO BE OUR
VANISHING
POINT.

THEY'RE
FOLLOWING
US BUT
KEEPING
THEIR
DISTANCE.

I WONDER
WHAT THEIR
PLAN IS?

THEY
MUST'VE
HIJACKED
HER SOME-
WHERE.

THEY'RE
GONNA USE
HER AS A
BARRICADE
AGAINST US.

...A
CARGO
SHIP?

BUT WE'RE
NOT NEAR ANY
ESTABLISHED
SEA ROUTES.

BEATS ME.
THEIR BOATS
ARE TOO LIGHT-
WEIGHT TO TRY
TO FORCE US TO
CHANGE OUR
HEADING...

SO, THEY'RE
GONNA TRY TO
STOP US WITH
THAT SHIP AND
THEN BOARD
US.

BUT THERE
AREN'T ANY
ISLANDS
AROUND US.

YEAH, DUTCH.
THERE'S NO
WAY THOSE
MOTORBOATS
COULD KEEP
UP WITH US
FARTHER OUT
AT SEA.

DEEP, DEEP
TROUBLE. IF
THERE'S A
SILVER
LINING HERE,
I'D LOVE TO
HEAR IT.

MAYBE WE
SHOULD
CRACK OPEN
THE KORAN
AND START
ASKING FOR
FORGIVENESS.

WE'RE
IN DEEP
TROUBLE.

SHIT,
THAT'S
THE END
OF THIS
GIG.

ALL WE CAN
NOW IS CRY
AND GNASH
OUR TEETH
WHILE THEY
SLICE US
UP WITH
SCIMITARS.



TORPEDOES.

ONE OF
THOSE WILL
TAKE CARE OF
THE SHIP. WE
WAIT FOR THE
BOATS UP
FRONT TO
MOVE OUT OF
THE WAY—



BASTARDS
MUST THINK
THEY'VE GOT
US AND IT'S
NOW JUST A
MATTER OF
TIME. IF WE'RE
GONNA DO
SOMETHING,
IT'S NOW OR
NEVER.

ANY
SUGGES-
TIONS,
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN?



I KINDA
DOUBT THEY'RE
GONNA BE ALL
SMILES AND
INSHALLAH.

HOW MUCH
LONGER TO
THE RENDEZ-
VOUS POINT
WITH THE
CARGO SHIP?



WHAT?!

...YEAH, IF
WE HAD ANY,
THAT MIGHT
WORK.

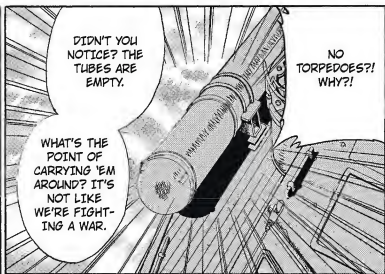
RIGHT,
DUTCH?



UH,
OKAY...

HOW ABOUT
AN RPG
THEN?

AIM JUST
ABOVE THE
WATERLINE.
THAT WAY—



DIDN'T YOU
NOTICE? THE
TUBES ARE
EMPTY.

WHAT'S THE
POINT OF
CARRYING 'EM
AROUND? IT'S
NOT LIKE
WE'RE FIGHT-
ING A WAR.

NO
TORPEDOES?!
WHY?!

I DOUBT YOU COULD SINK A SHIP WITH JUST A COUPLE OF THOSE HITTING THEIR BULKHEADS. MIGHT BE A DIFFERENT STORY IF YOU HIT THEIR ENGINE OR SOMETHING, I SUPPOSE...



RPG'S ARE WEAPONS THAT PENETRATE ARMOR AND BLAST WHAT'S INSIDE.

THEY'RE MADE FOR KILLING TANKS, ROCK.

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR US BE DELIBERATE ABOUT TAKING OUT THE SHIP'S ENGINE.

OUR ONLY OPENING WILL BE WHEN THE BOATS AHEAD OF US MOVE AWAY WHILE THEIR FLANKS START TO CLOSE IN.

THEN WHY DON'T WE HIT ITS ENG-

ROCK, REVY'S RIGHT.

IF WE'RE LUCKY, WE'LL BUST UP THEIR FORMATION. WE MIGHT EVEN SET OFF THEIR EXPLOSIVES.



DUTCH ...

...ONCE THE FRONT GUARD MAKES THEIR MOVE, LET'S CUT LOOSE AGAINST BOTH FLANKS.

OH, DEAR GOD...

PLEASE HELP US...

IF WHAT YOU SAID WAS PRACTICAL, WE COULD SLIP AWAY RIGHT NOW.



CHANCES ARE 50-50.

WE'D HAVE TO CATCH THEM OFF GUARD.

SEMTEX?

WHAT'S THAT?



HOW ABOUT WE THROW BUNDLES OF SEMTEX AT THEM?

WE'D BE ABLE TO SMASH AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR FLANKS IF WE SET OFF A BUNCH OF THE STUFF.

TOUCHING WORDS, ROCK. SHOULD HAVE THAT INCLUDED IN THE CARNEGIE COLLECTION OF QUOTES.



OKAY...

SO IF IT
ACTS JUST
LIKE C-4,
IT CAN BE
REMOTELY
DETONATED
...

WHAT'S UP,
ROCK?

...

ACTUALLY,
THAT'S
PERFECT...
LET ME
SEE...

THING ABOUT
IT IS, IT NEEDS
A
SPECIFIC
PRIMER.
IMPACT OR
FIRE ALONE
WON'T SET IT
OFF.

IT'S A
TYPE OF
PLASTIC
HIGH
EXPLOSIVE,
LIKE C-4.

THAT
LIMITS ITS
USEFULNESS
IN SITUA-
TIONS LIKE
THIS...



IF THIS GOES
ACCORDING
TO PLAN,
THE RESULTS
SHOULD BLOW
YOU AWAY.

YOU IN?

NOW
LISTEN
...

...I JUST
THOUGHT OF
SOMETHING.

SHR

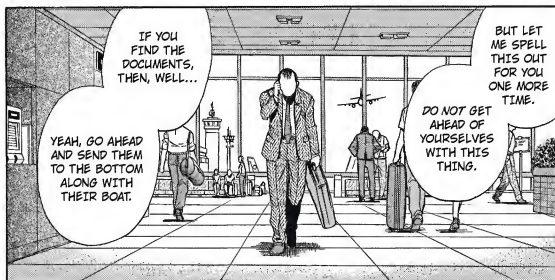


GREAT NEWS.

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP.

WE'VE INTERCEPTED THE PT BOAT.

THEY APPEAR TO BE HEEDING OUR CALL TO HEAVE TO.



IF YOU FIND THE DOCUMENTS, THEN, WELL...

YEAH, GO AHEAD AND SEND THEM TO THE BOTTOM ALONG WITH THEIR BOAT.

BUT LET ME SPELL THIS OUT FOR YOU ONE MORE TIME.

DO NOT GET AHEAD OF YOURSELVES WITH THIS THING.



TELL HIM TO LEAVE THAT BE AND GET OVER HERE RIGHT NOW.

I'LL CONTACT YOU AGAIN.

NOT YET, SIR. SOMETHING ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE NPULF LEADERSHIP ABOUT FUTURE PLANS.

UNDERSTOOD.

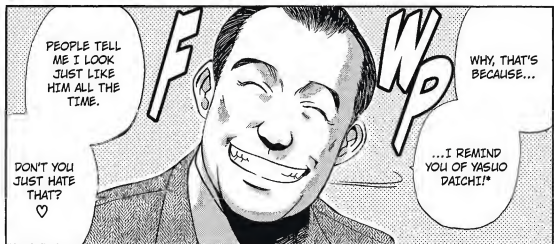
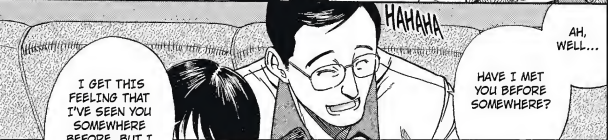
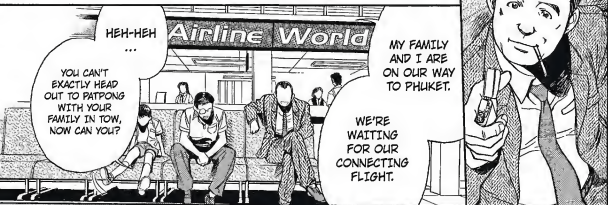


OH... EXCUSE ME.

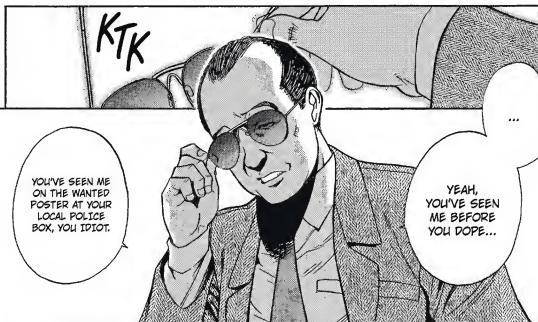
COULD I TROUBLE YOU FOR A LIGHT?

IS IBRAHA ON HIS WAY HERE?

FWMP



*YASUO DAICHI IS A FAMOUS JAPANESE CHARACTER ACTOR.





JUST AS I
SUSPECTED...

...THE
FREIGHTER
IS ABOUT TO
CHANGE HEADING
TO CUT US OFF.

HOW ABOUT
THE GUYS ON
OUR FLANKS?



RANGE...
ABOUT 870
YARDS!

GOTCHA.

EVERYTHING
READY ON
YOUR END,
DUTCH?

WE'LL GET
THIS STARTED
ONCE THEY'RE
WITHIN 200
YARDS.



KNOCK
YOURSELF
OUT,
REVV.

YOU
GOT IT.



THUMBS
UP HERE.

I'LL LET
YOU KNOW AS
SOON AS ALL
THE BOATS
REDUCE
SPEED.

OKAY.
WE'RE
GOOD
TO GO.



AYE-AYE,
CAPTAIN
AHAB.

I'LL MAKE A
HARD TURN TO
STARBOARD AS
SOON AS YOU
HARPOON THE
BEAST'S BELLY.

MAKE SURE
YOU DON'T
GET THROWN
OVERBOARD.
HOW'S IT
LOOK, BENNY
BOY?



THE BOATS
TO PORT ARE
GETTING
CLOSE.



THIS IS
GONNA BE
TOUCH-AND-GO.
OKAY, THE
BOATS OFF OUR
BOW ARE
CHANGING
COURSE...

THE
FREIGHTER
IS SLOW-
ING DOWN.

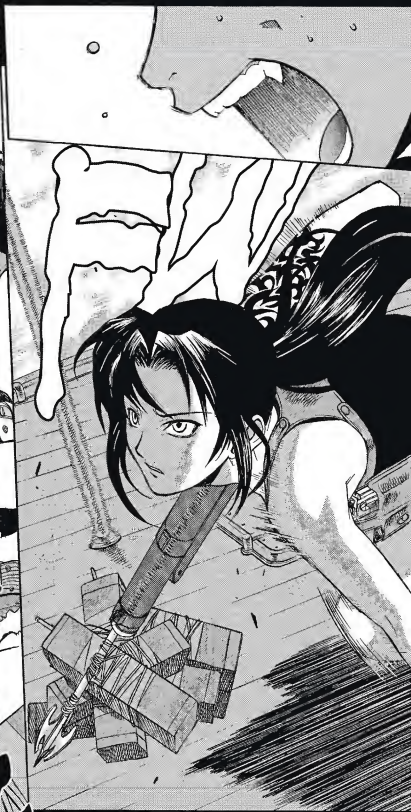


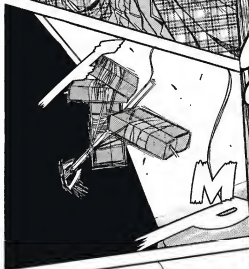


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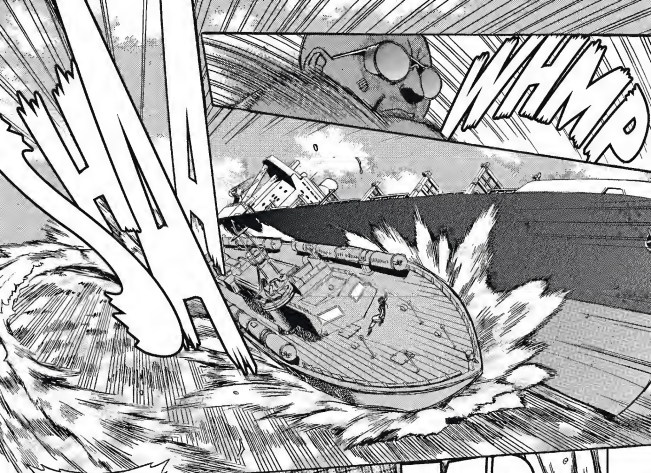




DUTCH!

PUNCH
IT!!





WHMP

THEY'RE
TRYING TO
ESCAPE!!

AFTER
THEM!!

ROAR

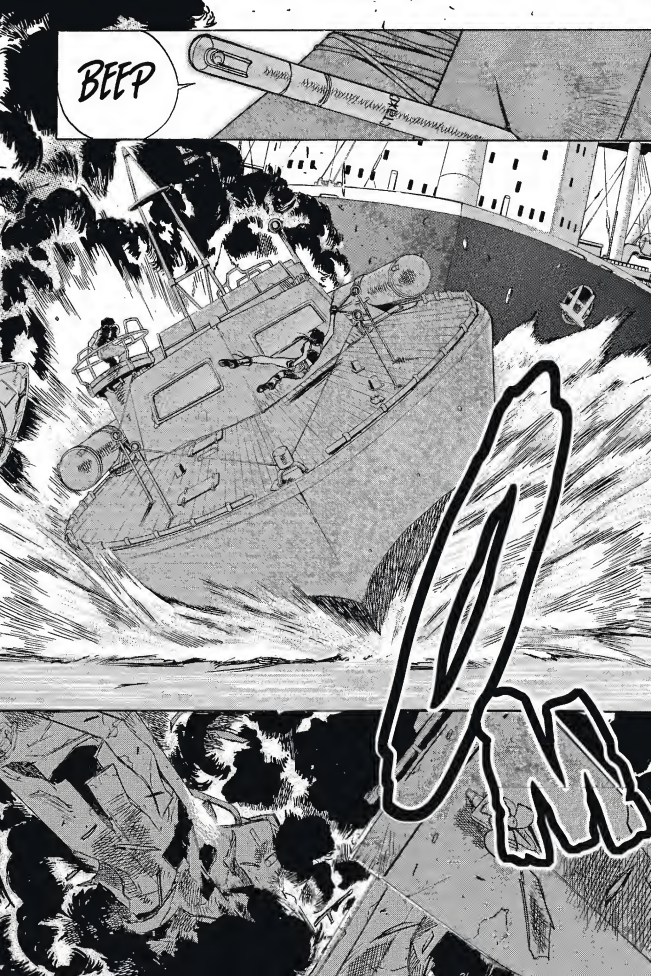
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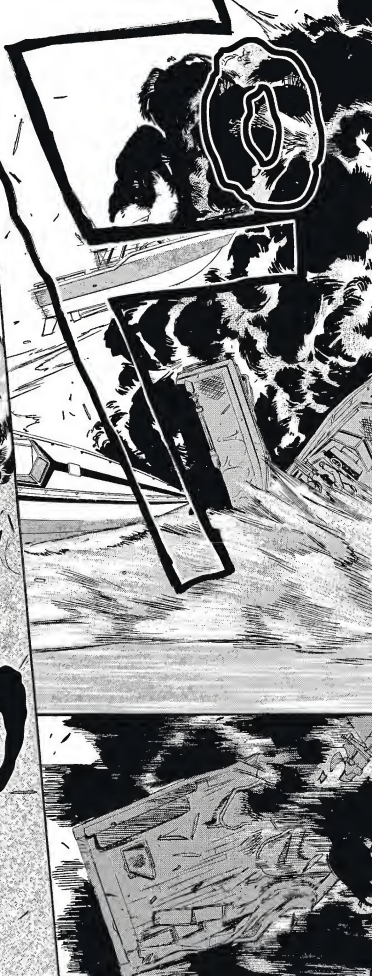


FWIP



BEEP

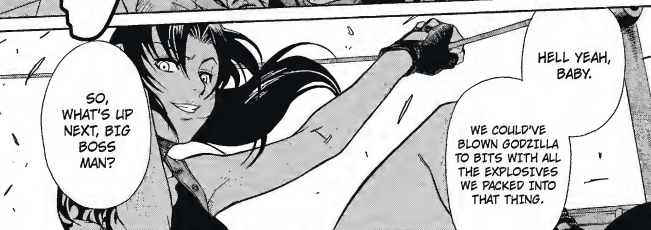






AWESOME.

THAT'S
WHAT I CALL
A GRAND
SLAM.



SO,
WHAT'S UP
NEXT, BIG
BOSS
MAN?

HELL YEAH,
BABY.

WE COULD'VE
BLOWN GODZILLA
TO BITS WITH ALL
THE EXPLOSIVES
WE PACKED INTO
THAT THING.

GPMS S
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straining 1
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THERE'S
A FEW
STILL OUT
THERE.

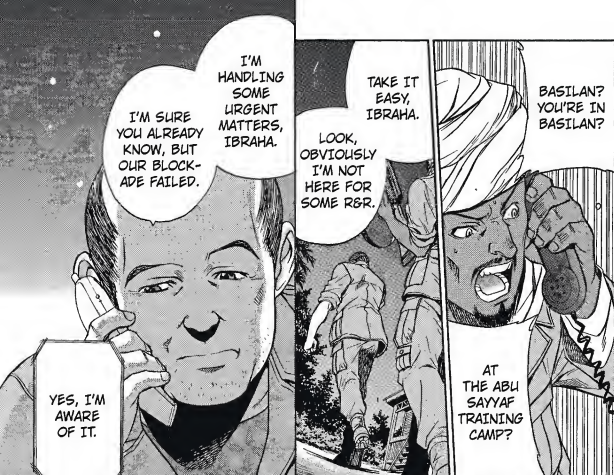
WE'LL ACT AS
DECOYS. OFF
THE COAST OF
ZAMBOANGA,
YOU AND ROCK
TAKE THE
ZODIAC.

HEAD TO
BASILAN
FROM THERE,
OKAY?

WE SHOULD BE
ABLE TO GET
SOME DISTANCE
IF WE GO FULL
SPEED THROUGH
THE SULU SEA.

IBRAHA?
IT'S ME,
TAKENAKA.

I CAN
HARDLY HEAR
YOU. YOU
STILL
HAVEN'T
LEFT YET?



I'M SURE
YOU ALREADY
KNOW, BUT
OUR BLOCK-
ADE FAILED.

I'M
HANDLING
SOME
URGENT
MATTERS,
IBRAHA.

TAKE IT
EASY,
IBRAHA.

LOOK,
OBVIOUSLY
I'M NOT
HERE FOR
SOME R&R.

BASILAN?
YOU'RE IN
BASILAN?

AT
THE ABU
SAYYAF
TRAINING
CAMP?

YES, I'M
AWARE
OF IT.

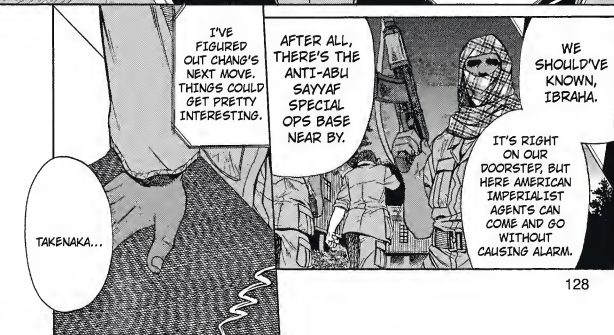


WHAT?

THEY
WOULDN'T
DARE...

THEIR HEADING
TOLD US A LOT,
IBRAHA. NOW
WE KNOW
WHAT THEIR
DESTINATION
IS.

EVEN
THOUGH THEY
GOT AWAY,
IT'S NOT A
COMPLETE
LOSS.



I'VE
FIGURED
OUT CHANG'S
NEXT MOVE.
THINGS COULD
GET PRETTY
INTERESTING.

AFTER ALL,
THERE'S THE
ANTI-ABU
SAYYAF
SPECIAL
OPS BASE
NEAR BY.

WE
SHOULD'VE
KNOWN,
IBRAHA.

IT'S RIGHT
ON OUR
DOORSTEP, BUT
HERE AMERICAN
IMPERIALIST
AGENTS CAN
COME AND GO
WITHOUT
CAUSING ALARM.

TAKENAKA...



MINDFUL?
DON'T MAKE
ME LAUGH,
BROTHER.

YOU NEED TO
BE MORE
MINDFUL
OF-

THIS IS
NOT SOME
GAME.

THIS IS A
CRUCIAL
PRECURSORY
SKIRMISH
TIED TO THE
COMING
JIHAD.

THINGS ARE
GETTING MORE
INTERESTING
ALL THE TIME.
YOU MIGHT AS
WELL ENJOY IT,
IBRAHA.

DID YOU
THINK THERE
WAS SOME-
THING IN
LIFE THAT
WASN'T?

IT'S ALL
A GAME,
IBRAHA.



AH, HE
HUNG UP.

MAN, HE'S
GOTTA
LIGHTEN UP
A LITTLE.



GHK

I GOT HOLD
OF THE
PASSWORD
FOR THEIR
GETAWAY
DRIVER.

WE'LL HAVE
THE UPPER
HAND WITH
THEIR NEXT
MOVE.

I'LL LEAVE
THE FINAL
MOPPING UP
TO YOU. IT'S
PARTY TIME,
MY-

ONCE INSIDE
ISABELA, I WANT
ALL UNITS TO
SCATTER BUT
KEEP MOVING.

GEEZ...

CHECK
POINTS?

AVOID A
FIREFIGHT.
OTHERWISE THE
MILITARY WILL
COME FLYIN'.

MAKE SURE WE
CAN PULL OUT
OF THE CITY IN
THREE MINUTES
IN THE EVENT
WE HAVE TO
FORCIBLY
ABDUCT THEM.

THEN
AGAIN...

THERE ARE FIVE
ON THE MAJOR
ROADS. EACH
STATION HAS
ARMORED CARS
ASSIGNED TO
THEM.

THEY'RE MANNED
BY THE LIGHT
REACTION
FORCE, NOT
THE INPFF.

...I HAVE
TO ADMIT...

REALLY NASTY
FIREFIGHTS
HAVE THEIR
OWN CHARM...



HANGING OUT AT THE PORT NEAR THE BASE WILL JUST GET US INTO TROUBLE.

NO POINT IN OFFERING WANNABE GLORY HOUNDS A TEMPTING TARGET.

WE'LL SIT TIGHT AT THE BASE AFTER WE HAND OVER THE DOCS TO THE CIA.



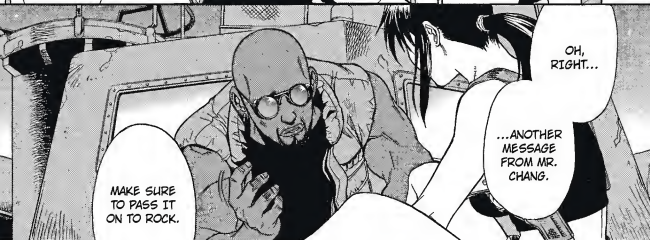
KEEP THOSE DOCS SAFE. LAST THING WE WANT IS THE WORLD'S WORST "MY DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK" ROUTINE.

YOU WATCH YOUR ASSES.

BASTARDS WHO FIGHT WITH IDEOLOGICAL CONVICTION JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP.

HEY NOW...

RIGHT, WE'LL COME PICK YOU UP ONCE YOU SEND WORD.

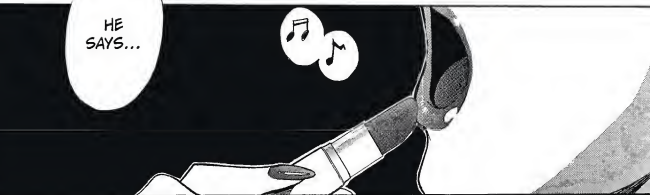


OH, RIGHT...

...ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM MR. CHANG.

MAKE SURE TO PASS IT ON TO ROCK.

HE SAYS...



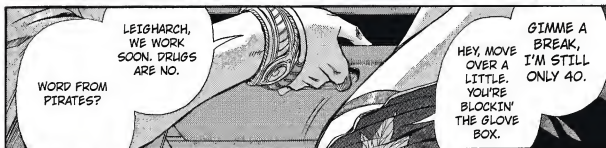


NO.

GETTING
OLD IS
REASON.

MAN, IT
SUCKS
HAVIN' TO
TAKE A
PISS ALL
THE TIME.

JEEZ.
GUESS I
HAD TOO
MUCH
BEER.



WORD FROM
PIRATES?

LEIGHARCH,
WE WORK
SOON. DRUGS
ARE NO.

HEY, MOVE
OVER A
LITTLE.
YOU'RE
BLOCKIN'
THE GLOVE
BOX.

GIMME A
BREAK,
I'M STILL
ONLY 40.



WORK IS
NOBLE. VERY
IMPORTANT.

NOT SAY
SOME-
THING
LIKE THAT.

WHERE YOU
THINK MONEY
FOR WHITE
STUFF COME
FROM?

OUR MAN
CHANG
HASN'T
MENTIONED
ANYTHING
YET.



SNORT



CARS NOT
GO THROUGH
HERE OFTEN.

STRANGE...



MAYBE THEY
GOT TURNED
INTO A NICE
SNACK FOR
THE CRABS
BEFORE
THEY GOT
HERE.

WOULDN'T
MIND GOING
BACK TO THE
HOTEL FOR A
LITTLE TRIP
TO THE MOON.

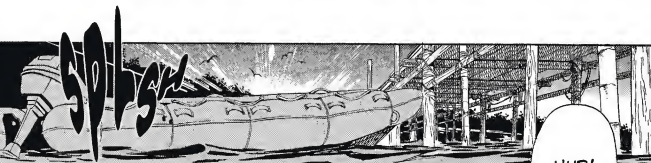


NO WAY.
FORGET IT.
NO POINT IN
LOOKING FOR
TROUBLE.

NO LOOK
GOOD. WE GO
MEET OUR
RIDERS?

MAYBE IT'S
THE GOV-
ERNMENT
FORCES OR
SOMETHIN'?

SAME OLD
COUNTER-
INSURGENCY
DRILL, I BET.



HUP!

A FEW
MINUTES
TO SIX.

THE VILLAGE
IS RIGHT
THERE.
SHOULDN'T
BE A
PROBLEM.



WHAT'S
THE
TIME?



THAT'S 'CAUSE
THERE'S NO
ONE HERE.
IT'S A GHOST
TOWN.

MARTIAL
LAW'S BEEN IN
EFFECT HERE
FOR OVER
TWO YEARS.

HUH...

...THIS
PLACE
SURE IS
QUIET.

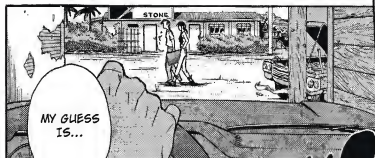


GUESS
IT TOOK
LONGER
THAN WE
EXPECTED.

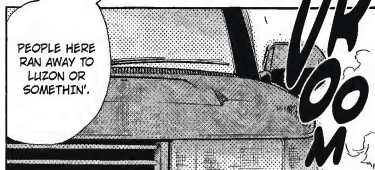
GRK

CRAP.

WE'VE
BOTCHED
OUR PLAN.
OUR RIDE
MIGHT BE
WAITING
FOR US
ALREADY.



MY GUESS
IS...



PEOPLE HERE
RAN AWAY TO
LUZON OR
SOMETHIN'.



HARD TO
MAKE A
LIVIN'
WHEN-



RRRRRRRRM





YOU'RE
WITH LAGOON,
RIGHT? I
HEARD
THERE'D BE
FOUR OF YOU.

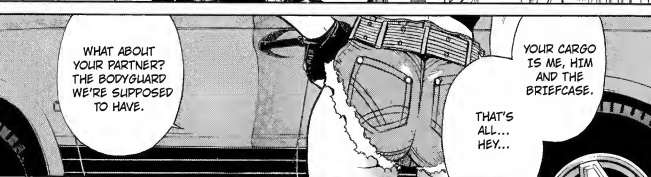
BEEN
WAITING
LONG?



I
SUPPOSE
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.

ANY
LUGGAGE?

WHY DO
YOU CARE?



WHAT ABOUT
YOUR PARTNER?
THE BODYGUARD
WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO HAVE.

YOUR CARGO
IS ME, HIM
AND THE
BRIEFCASE.

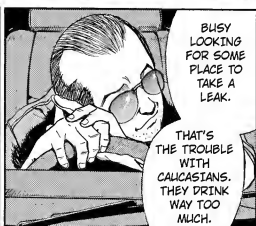
THAT'S
ALL...
HEY...



YEAH, THOSE
GUYS CAN'T
TELL THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
VOLVIC AND
BEER.

SO
ANYWAY
...

...TIME FOR
THE ALL-
IMPORTANT
QUESTION.



BUSY
LOOKING
FOR SOME
PLACE TO
TAKE A
LEAK.

THAT'S
THE TROUBLE
WITH
CAUCASIANS.
THEY DRINK
WAY TOO
MUCH.

CHANG
CHANG...
THE
TRICHANG
SOCIETY.

RIGHT?

P
H
E
W

I DON'T
KNOW...
MIGHTY
LAME PLAN
IF YOU
ASK ME.

HEY, I
DON'T LIKE
PLAYING
GAMES AT
TIMES
LIKE THIS.

YOU MESS
WITH ME,
I'LL BLOW
YOUR FACE
OFF.

WHOA,
WHOA. COOL
IT, CUTIE...

JUST A
JOKE TO
BREAK
THE ICE.

WELL,
NOW...

I CAN'T
SEEM TO
RECALL.

WHAT'S THE
PASSWORD?

YEAH...

HAVE TO SAY,
IT'S KINDA
WIMPY FOR
SOMETHING
MR. CHANG
CAME UP
WITH.

S
M
I
L
E

HA HA!

YOU THINK
SO, TOO?

I GOT A
MESSAGE
FROM THE
MAN TO GIVE
TO YOU.

泰山府君其
処我成
(FOR I AM THE
LORD OF MOUNT
TAI.)

RIGHT
ANSWER, YOU
MISERABLE
ASSHOLE.

MR. CHANG'S
WAY FUCKING
SMARTER THAN
YOU THINK.

SKRK

THE MASTER
ALREADY HAD
A DIFFERENT
PASSWORD SET
UP TO CATCH
DIPSHITS
LIKE YOU.

NOW
YOU'RE THE
ONE CAUGHT
WITH HIS ASS
HANGING OUT,
YOU FUCK.

SKRK

IT'S THE
DECLARATION
THAT THE GOD
OF DEATH IS
ABOUT TO PASS
JUDGMENT
OVER YOU.

YOU DON'T
GET IT?
YOU'RE
CHINESE,
RIGHT?

C'MON.
LAUGH IT
UP.

SOMETHIN'
WRONG?

THIS IS
WHERE YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO LAUGH.

SOMETHIN'
WRONG?

PHAP

HEH.

LOOKS
LIKE I
GOT A
BIT TOO
FULL OF
MYSELF...

OH,
BROTHER...
LETTING A
LITTLE GIRL
LIKE YOU
MAKE A
FOOL OUT
OF ME.

TCHK

WELL, I
TELL YA...

UNBELIEVABLE
...









KRAK

BKA BKA BKA

FLUCK IT ALL!

KRAK

FUND

KRAK

BLAM

M

BLAM

BLAM BLAM

SHIT!!

HNK



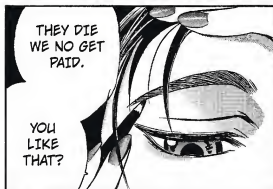
ROCK,
YOU
FUCKUP
!!

THIS IS
A ROYAL
MESS
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
US INTO
NOW!



WHA-?

HEAR
GUNFIRE.



THEY DIE
WE NO GET
PAID.

YOU
LIKE
THAT?



Z
N
I
F
F

YOU
GOTTA BE
KIDDIN'...

I DON'T
NEED THIS
SHIT.



NO.

TROUBLE
YES. BUT
WORK
IMPORTANT.

GODDAMN
IT. I DON'T
WANT NO
TROUBLE.

I'M
GUN-SHY...
LET'S LAY LOW
TILL THE
FIREWORKS
DIE DOWN.

SHIT!!

ROCK, YOU
FUCKUP!!

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THIS IS
BULLSHIT!

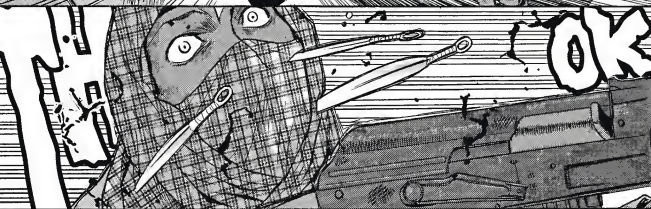
THAT
GODDAMN
SCRUB!



MISSY...

NOW,
LOWER
HEAD.







OH,
EXCUSE
ME...YOU
BITCH.

YOU
GETTIN' IN
OR WHAT?
I'M LEAVING
IF YOU
DON'T.

DO I LOOK
LIKE A
LAWYER TO
YOU, YOU
BASTARD?



GET US
OUT OF
HERE!

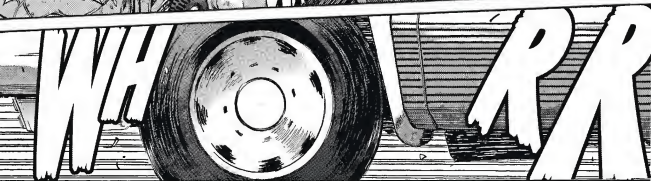


YOU THE
GETAWAY
DRIVER
?!



FALL
BACK!
FALL
BACK
NOW!

DON'T
GO AFTER
THEM! THE
MILITARY
ARE ON
THEIR WAY!





WE
CHANGED
PLANS,
IT'S TWO
NOW.
ONE
SCREWED
UP AND GOT
HIMSELF
NABBED.



...WHAT A
MESS.

OH
MY...



WE'RE
GONNA HEAD
STRAIGHT TO
THE BASE.
I WANT TO
GET THIS GIG
OVER AND
DONE WITH.



NORTH TO
VILLAGE. SIX
MILES, ABOUT.
INSIDE
FOREST.

...
WHERE'S
THE REBEL
HIDEOUT?



YOU
FUNNY.

MESS AT
YOUR REAR
END, CLEAN
WITH OWN
HAND.

WE'RE NOT
GOING TO
THE BASE.

GOTTA TAKE
CARE OF MY
PARTNER
FIRST.





WANT THEIR
NUMBER? I
GOT IT IF
YOU NEED IT.

GO CALL IN
THE CAVALRY,
PIRATE LADY.



WE GET
PAID AFTER
THAT. WE
NOT WANT
ANYTHING
ELSE.

OUR JOB TO
TRANSPORT
YOU TO BASE.

YOUR
SHORTCOMING
NO CONCERN
OF OURS.
UNDERSTAND?



YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I SAY...

BITCH ALL
YOU WANT...
DOESN'T
CHANGE A
THING.

MY PARTNER
HAS THE
IMPORTANT
DOCS.

...CHINGLISH
GAL?

SW

SH

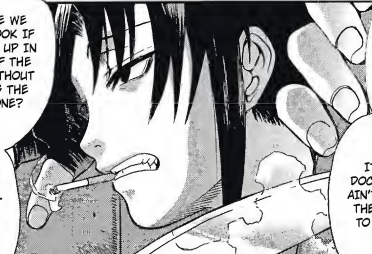


BUT DON'T
YOU THINK
HAVING
HEAD AND
BODY
SEPARATE
BAD IDEA?

MY ENGLISH
NOT VERY
GOOD
BECAUSE
I AM MAIN-
LANDER.

DON'T MESS
UP MY
SEATS,
SHENHUA.

NG

A close-up, black and white manga panel showing a man's face from the nose up. He has dark hair and is looking slightly to the side. A lit cigarette is in his mouth. His hand is visible near his face.

HOW ARE WE
GONNA LOOK IF
WE SHOW UP IN
FRONT OF THE
BOSS WITHOUT
GETTING THE
JOB DONE?

JEEZ, YOU'RE
SLOW. WHY DO
YOU THINK MR.
CHANG HIRED
TWO SCHMUCKS
LIKE YOU?

UNLESS YOU
WANNA TWIST
AT THE END
OF A ROPE.

IT'S THOSE
DOCS. THE JOB
AIN'T OVER TILL
THE DOCS GET
TO THE BASE.





WE TOOK THE
LIBERTY OF
CHECKING
THE BRIEF-
CASE.

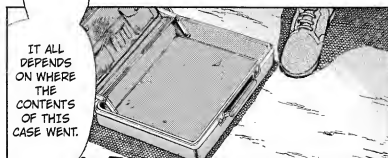
IT WAS
COMPLETELY
EMPTY.



C'MON, YOU
CAN DO
BETTER
THAN THAT.

THIS IS
WHERE YOU
MAKE A
SNAPPY
REMARK OR A
JOKE OR
SOMETHIN'.

OH,
WELL...



IT ALL
DEPENDS
ON WHERE
THE
CONTENTS
OF THIS
CASE WENT.



I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

EVEN IF I
DID, YOU
KNOW THAT
THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN SAY.



MOVE IT.

WE'LL TAKE
OUR TIME
ASKING YOU.
WE STILL
HAVE SOME
TIME LEFT.

THE PLACE
IS RATHER
CLUTTERED,
BUT I HOPE
YOU'LL BEAR
WITH IT.



KLNK KLNK



IF YOU
WANT
TO FIX
PROBLEM
MAKE MONEY
TALK.

YOU
KNOW?

BUT-

OH
C'MON,
BABE...

...

SHORT-
COMING
IS
YOURS.

GRIN

YOU...
LAGOON
TRADERS...

PAY FOR
TWENTY
PERCENT
MARK-UP?

OH, DEAR
GOD...

WE HAVE
NOTHING
DO WITH
IT.



COUNT ME
OUT, DAMN
IT! NO WAY,
JOSE!

SHENHUA...
BABY...
C'MON, MAN!

YOU TRYIN' TO
RE-CREATE THE
WILD BUNCH FOR
REAL WITH THIS
FUCKUP?!



ARE
YOU EVEN
LISTENING
TO ME, YOU
FUCKER?!

SIXTEEN
THEN?

TEN
PERCENT.

NO, NO...
EIGHTEEN.



JOB
TIME.

ENOUGH.
GOT AS
FAR AS
WE CAN
GO.

LEIGHARCH
...

FIFTEEN,
AND NO
MORE.
THAT'S
THAT.



WHY THE
FUCK NOT,
EH BABY?!

SURE!

WHY
NOT
?!

NEVER
REALIZED
YOU HAD
SUCH A
STRONG
DEATH
WISH!!

TAKE IT
OR LEAVE
IT.
WHAT'LL
IT BE?



LET ME ASK
YOU...THOSE
SCREWS THAT
ARE LOOSE IN
YOUR HEADS,
DID THEY COME
LOOSE IN YOUR
MAMAS' BELLIES,
OR WHAT?!

SURE!!
FINE!!
GO GET
YOUR-
SELF
KILLED!!

BUT FIRST
GO SEE A
FUCKING
SHRINK
ABOUT THAT
GODDAMNED
SUICIDAL
STREAK THE
TWO OF YOU
HAVE!

OH MY,
OH MY.

SAYING ALL
THAT MAKE
YOU FEEL
BETTER? WE
GO, OKAY
THEN?

WHA

HEY NOW,
YOUNG
MAN...

YOU GOTTA
BE MORE
CAREFUL IF
YOU'RE
GONNA GET
INVOLVED IN
SHIT LIKE THIS.

GR
RK

YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY
ONE WHO'S
SURPRISED,
KIDDO.

SINCE WHEN
DID YOU GET
INTO THIS
LINE OF
WORK?

YOU...

YOU'RE
JAPA-
NESE?!

ALL RIGHT,
THEN...

OH C'MON,
YOU GONNA
GIVE ME
THE SILENT
TREATMENT?

YOU AND
ME, WE'RE PEAS
IN A POD. WHAT
HARM COULD A
LITTLE CASUAL
CAMARADERIE
DO?



IT'D
MAKE
TALKING
EASIER,
RIGHT?

THEN AGAIN, I
SUPPOSE I
COULD JUST
CALL YOU
"YOUNG
MAN"...

YOU BORN
IN TOKYO?



HOW WILL
KNOWING
MY NAME...

...CHANGE
THINGS?



WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING,
TAKENAKA?

JUST
LEAVE
THIS TO
ME...

MY NAME'S
TAKENAKA,
MASAHIRO
TAKENAKA.
WHAT'S YOUR
NAME?



HMPH



I HEAR THEY
TORE DOWN
THE NICHIGEKI
THEATER A
WHILE A GO.

I
REMEMBER
SEEING
ABASHIRI
PRISON
RIGHT AFTER
A PROTEST
AT THE
LOCAL JNR
STATION.

I WAS
BORN IN
ADACHI
WARD.

YOU GET OUT
TO SHINJUKU
OFTEN? IS
ÉTOILE STILL IN
BUSINESS?

YES...I
SUPPOSE
SO...



NO ONE'S GOT BALLS FOR THIS KIND OF WORK.

HOW DO I PUT THIS...

WHY ARE YOU TAKING SUCH RISKS WITH LIFE, YOUNG MAN?

THERE'RE OTHER WAYS OF MAKING A LIVING. JAPAN IS THE LAND OF THE PETITE BOURGEOISIE NOW.

SO, YOU...

...MISS BEING AWAY FROM JAPAN?

IT WAS RIGHT AFTER A CLASH WITH THE 4TH MOBILE POLICE UNIT...

I WALKED INTO THE THEATER STILL WEARING A BLACK HELMET WITH MY DIRECT ACTION SQUARE BARS.

MAN, I SURE WAS YOUNG BACK THEN.



SO TELL ME...

HOW'D YOU STUMBLE YOUR WAY INTO BEING AN ADVENTURER?

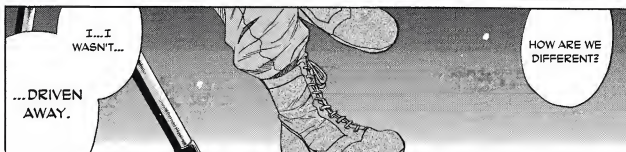
...WE DON'T FIT INTO THAT COUNTRY ANYMORE. THEY SEE US AS OUTSIDERS.

I FEEL A KIND OF EMPATHY WITH YOU, SEE?



DON'T WRAP ME INTO THE SAME CATEGORY THAT YOU'RE IN.

I'M NOT LIKE YOU.



I...I WASN'T...

...DRIVEN AWAY.

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT?

I MAY BE
YOUNG, BUT
I'M OLD
ENOUGH TO
KNOW WHAT
YOU DID IN
THE PAST.

YOU'RE
DIFFERENT
FROM ME.

YOU LEFT
BECAUSE YOU
HAD NOWHERE
TO RUN
ANYMORE.

YOU'RE NOT
A LOSER AS
LONG AS YOU
HAVE A GOAL
AND THE WILL
TO FOLLOW
THROUGH
ON IT.

I DEVOTED
MY LIFE TO A
SIMULTANEOUS
WORLDWIDE
WORKERS'
REVOLUTION.

...LISTEN,
SONNY...

I LEFT
JAPAN.

I SUPPOSE
THAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE
TWO OF US,
EH?

SO, YOUNG
MAN...

TELL
ME...WHAT
DO YOU
HAVE?

I
WONDER

RESOLVE
AND GOALS
GO HAND IN
HAND.

YOUR
IDEALISM
IS DEAD.

OR AT LEAST
YOU KNOW
IT'S BECOME
HOLLOW BY
NOW.

BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOU...?

I'VE GOT
GOALS
AND
IDEALS,
TOO.



Panel 1: A man in a turban and a man in a suit are in a room. The man in the turban is on the left, and the man in the suit is on the right. There is a large 'KRA' sound effect in the center. The man in the turban is speaking.

EVEN I CAN
TELL THIS
NO LONGER
AN INTERRO-
GATION!

...

I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
OF THIS,
TAKENAKA
!!



...AND I
AM VERY
SHORT ON
TIME. TELL
ME NOW.

NOW
LISTEN
TO ME,
JAPANESE
...

I AM NOT
AS GENTLE
AS THIS
MAN...

WHERE
ARE THE
DOCUMENTS
?!



STOP
THE
CAR.

BUT A RAID
IN A POS
SUV WITH A
JUNKIE AT
THE WHEEL?
NO THANKS.

SHIT.

IF YOU
HAD A
JAMES
BOND CAR,
THEN
MAYBE.

WE'LL
GO ON
FOOT
FROM
HERE.

SCREW
YOU, MAN.
THIS AIN'T
NO PIECE
OF SHIT.

CHEROKEES
ARE THE
WORLD'S
GREATEST
4-WHEELERS,
BITCH.

WHY
NOT GO
IN THIS
CAR?

OH YES,
I LIKE
WHAT YOU
SAY.

I AGREE
VERY
MUCH.

YOU BEING
STRING OUT
IS TROUBLE
ENOUGH AS
IT IS, YOU
FUCKIN' MICK.

YOU STAY
RIGHT HERE
TILL WE GIVE
YOU THE WORD.
IF YOU BOLT,
I'LL HUNT YOU
DOWN AND KILL
YOU, GOT IT?!

HE OKAY
WITH THAT
PART OF
JOB.

VERY
STRANGE
MAN...HE
DRIVE GOOD
EVEN WHEN
BRAIN IS
IN OUTER
SPACE.

HEY, LAY
OFF THE
BLOW.

WE DON'T
NEED YOU
HIGH AS KITE
WHEN IT'S
TIME TO GET
THE HELL OUT
OF HERE.

HA!

I
WON'T
RUN,
'KAY?

THOUGH,
I SUPPOSE
I'D SPLIT
IF YOU'D
BROUGHT
THE ENTIRE
SARACEN ARMY
WITH YOU.



YOU
WANT HAVE
YOUR BUTT
QUARTERED?

MAKING FUN
OF PEOPLE
NOT NICE, YOU
NASTY BITCH.

OKAY,
LET'S GET
GOING...

...CHINGLISH
GAL.



...A LONG
TIME AGO...

IT'S ABOUT
A MAN WHO
CAME TO
THE CITY.

HE STOOD
ON THE
CORNER...

...SOMEONE
TOLD ME A
STORY.

AND SO, HE
STARTED
GIVING HIS
SERMONS.
DAY AFTER
DAY, YEAR
AFTER YEAR.

...AND
STARTED
PREACHING.

HE SAID HE
WANTED TO
MAKE THE
WORLD A
BETTER PLACE.

IN THE
END, NONE
OF THEM
CARED
ABOUT WHAT
WAS WRONG
WITH THE
WORLD.

...IN TIME,
EVERYBODY
LOST INTEREST.

AT FIRST,
PEOPLE
LISTENED TO
WHAT HE HAD
TO SAY. SOME
PROCLAIMED
THEY WOULD
FIGHT ALONG
WITH HIM,

BUT...



"AT FIRST, I
THOUGHT
I COULD
CONVINCE
PEOPLE."

"AND NOW, I
KNOW IT'S A
HOPELESS
DREAM."

"BUT THE
REASON I
WON'T
STOP..."



THE CHILD
ASKED "WHY
ARE YOU
PREACHING?"

"THERE'S
NO ONE
LISTENING
TO YOU?"

THE MAN
ANSWERED
...



BUT THE
MAN
DIDN'T
STOP.

HE GREW OLD
AND CONTINUED
PREACHING,
EVEN WHEN
THERE WAS NO
ONE LISTENING.

THEN ONE
DAY, A CHILD
CAME UP TO
THE MAN.



THE
REASON
...

...I WON'T LET
GO OF THIS
FIGHT...



AND...

...I'M NOT
ABOUT TO
BETRAY
THAT PART
OF MYSELF.

...IS BECAUSE
WHEN I WAS
YOUNG, THAT
WAS MY
PURPOSE
IN LIFE.



TAKENAKA.

HOW HARD
DO YOU
WANT ME
TO BEAT
HIM?

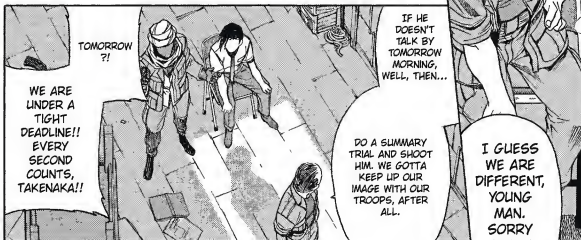
SK-
R-
...
WELL,
THAT'S
THAT.



CRASH
THERE'S NO
REASON FOR
HIM TO BE
LOYAL TO HIS
CLIENT. LEAVE
HIM BE, AND
HE'LL TALK.

CRASH
HELL,
THERE'S
NO NEED.

HE'S NO
SOLDIER.
HE'S JUST A
DELIVERY
BOY.



TOMORROW
?!

WE ARE
UNDER A
TIGHT
DEADLINE!!
EVERY
SECOND
COUNTS,
TAKENAKA!!

IF HE
DONES'T
TALK BY
TOMORROW
MORNING,
WELL, THEN...

DO A SUMMARY
TRIAL AND SHOOT
HIM. WE GOTTA
KEEP UP OUR
IMAGE WITH OUR
TROOPS, AFTER
ALL.

I GUESS
WE ARE
DIFFERENT,
YOUNG
MAN.
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



COOL DOWN,
IBRAHA.

THE DOGS ARE
EITHER ON HIM,
OR WITH THE
GIRL I LEFT
BEHIND AT THE
VILLAGE.

WE JUST NEED
TO CONCENTRATE
OUR EFFORTS ON
FINDING HER. I'M
SURE I GOT
CHANG'S PLANS
FIGURED OUT.



WE ARE THIS
CLOSE TO
HAVING ALL
OUR PLANS
GO ASTRAY!!

DO I NEED
TO REMIND
YOU OF
THAT?!



THAT GIRL
JUST MIGHT
SHOW UP
HERE, WANTING
TO BUST THIS
KID OUT.

AND
BESIDES...

RIGHT?



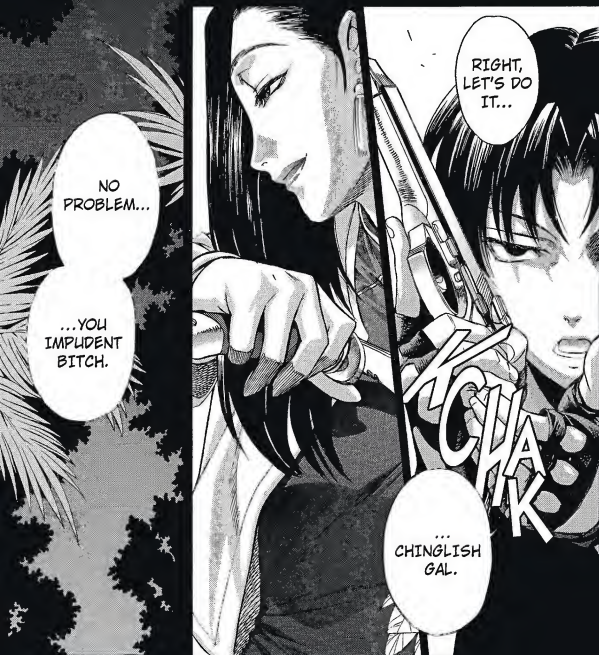
NO
MINES.

THEY MOVE
CAMP MANY
TIMES. THEY
NOT DO
ANYTHING
FANCY.

THERE'RE
THREE AT
THE WEST
GATE. SIX AT
THE GATE TO
THE EAST.

JUST ONE .50
CALIBER MOUNTED
AT THE FRONT
GATE...GUESS
THERE MIGHT BE
SOME LIGHT MG'S
READY, TOO...HOW
ABOUT MINES?





Chapter 20: Goat, Jihad, Rock 'n' Roll - Part V





SON
OF A
BITCH...
!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

IMBECILES
...!

ABSOLUTELY
WITLESS...!

WHO CAN
BLAME
HIM?

HE FINALLY
GOT PROMOTED
TO OPERATIONS
COMMANDER.
THEN ALL THIS
HAPPENED.

OH,
BOY...

THE
COMMANDER
SEEMS TO
BE RATHER
TENSE.

YOU
IDIOTS!
DON'T
LET YOUR
GUARD
DOWN!

GOVERNMENT
COMMANDOS
COULD RAID
US AT ANY
MOMENT!!

YES,
SIR!!

YES,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

HIS HEART
IS SET
ON THIS
MISSION, I
SUPPOSE.

THAT'S
NOT THE
ONLY
REASON...

THAT'S
THE ONLY
REASON WHY
HE JOINED
UP...

OH WELL,
WE MAY
NOT BE-

I MEAN, IT'S ALL
TIED TO WHY HE
QUIT THE PFLP
AND CAME TO
HEZBOLLAH...



TH
INK
TH
INK

TH
U

TH
NK
KAT
TER

WHAT'S
UP?

FEELS SO
GOOD, YOU
FORGOT HOW
TO PULL THE
TRIGGER?

THEY USED
TO DOING THE
THRUSTING,
NOT HAVING
THINGS
THRUST INTO
THEM.

MEN...

...THEY
ARE LIKE
THAT.

K
K
R

U
NCH



WE NEED
HURRY.

OUR JOB
GO UP IN
SMOKE IF YOUR
FUCKHEAD
SPILLS BEANS.



HE'S A TOUGH
NUT TO CRACK.
I DOUBT HE'D
TALK EVEN IF
THE TRUMPETS
OF JUDGMENT
DAY SOUNDED.

RUB

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT HIM.



OH, HEY
THERE,
IBRAHA.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
THAT'S BEEN
BOTHERING
ME, AND I-

TAKENAKA.



I JUST GOT
WORD FROM
THE SEARCH
TEAMS IN
THAILAND.

YOUR
ACTIONS
...

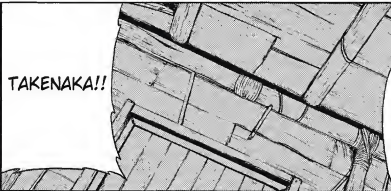
...ARE
JEOPARDIZING
THIS
OPERATION!



MAKE
HIM
TALK.
NOW!!

THE
REMAINING
THREE
SUITCASES
WERE
DECOYS.

THAT
JAPANESE
MUST HAVE
THE KEY
DOCUMENTS!
AND WE ARE
RUNNING OUT
OF TIME.



TAKENAKA!!

...IF PUSH
COMES TO
SHOVE,
WE'LL JUST
SCRAP THE
PLANS.
WE'VE
DONE THAT
BEFORE. MANY
TIMES. MORE
IMPORTANTLY-



ANY WORD
FROM THE
SEARCH
PARTIES IN
TOWN?

...IBRAHA.



YOU
KNOW
WHY...

...I AM
STAKING
SO MUCH
ON THIS
OPERATION.

I'M
NOT.

HOW MANY
HOURS SINCE
THEY LEFT?
WHY NO
WORD FROM
THEM?

TAKENAKA,
DON'T TRY
TO CHANGE
THE
SUBJECT.

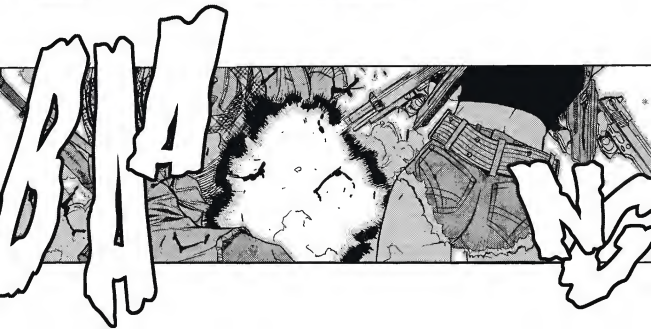
THINK
ABOUT IT.

I DIRECTED
THEM TO
MAINTAIN
RADIO SILENCE
UNTIL THEY'VE
TRACKED THEM
DOWN. THAT'S
WHY.

...
ANY
INCREASE IN
RADIO TRAFFIC
MAKES US MORE
VULNERABLE TO
GOVERNMENT
FORCES.

THEN THAT
MEANS...?

NEITHER OUR
UNITS IN THE
VILLAGE NOR OUR
SURVEILLANCE
VESSEL AT THE
GOVERNMENT CAMP
HAVE SEEN ANY
SIGN OF THAT
WOMAN.





HAVE YOU
BEEN A
GOOD BOY?

HEY,
BABY.

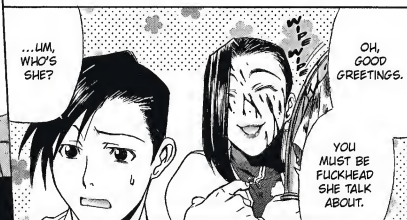
BABY,
BABY,
BABY.

REVV.

NOW, LET'S
GET THE
HELL OUT
OF HERE.

JUST BEHAVE
YOURSELF A
LITTLE WHILE
LONGER,
SWEETIE PIE.

I'LL BUY
YOU SOME
LICORICE IF
YOU DO.







OH...

I GOTTA
GET TO LIVER-
POOL,
MAN!!

SHIT, I
FORGOT
!!

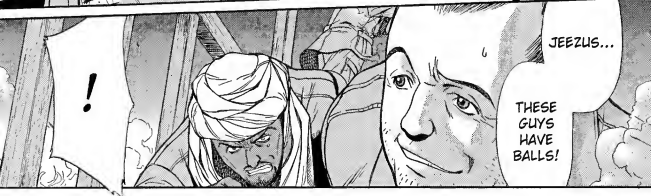
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NOORRR

JIMI
HENDRIX
IS
CALLING
TO ME!

SAYS WE
GOTTA GO
DEFEAT
THE
KLINGONS
!!

BOON



NO...

IBRAHA,
WAIT!!

DON'T LEAVE
THE COMMAND
CENTER
UNMANNED...!
DAMMIT!!

KMP

BEGIN
PURSUIT!!

ALL
UNITS!

I WILL
NOT LET
THEM...!!

HUNT
THEM
DOWN
AND KILL
THEM!!

DO NOT
LET THEM
ESCAPE!

OOH,
WONDER-
FUL, YES?

NOW WE
HAVE LOTS
MORE FUN.

BMP
BMP
BMP

WELL,
LOOKIE
HERE!!

CHECK
OUT THE
JACKASSES
COMIN' OUT
OF THE
WOODWORK.

UM,
REVV...?

OKAY,
WHO GETS
TO GO
FIRST?!

...
REVV
...

AW, SHIT!
I LOST!

LET'S DO
ROCK-
PAPER-
SCISSORS!

...I HAD
A TALK
WITH THAT
JAPANESE
GUY.

UH...NO.
NOTHING.

I GO
FIRST,
THEN.

DO IT QUICK,
ALL RIGHT?!
YOU KILL FIVE,
THEN IT'S MY
TURN, GOT
IT?! ...DID
YOU SAY
SOMETHING,
ROCK?

AND
YOU
KNOW...

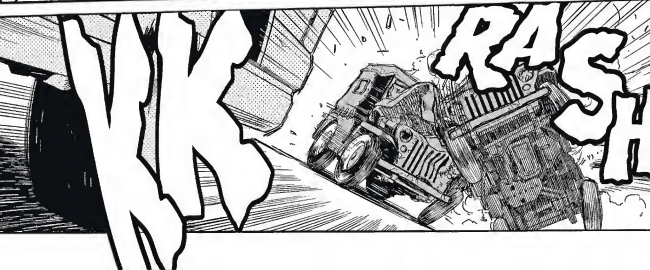


給我跳舞吧
(NOW DANCE
FOR ME.)

嘻嘻
(HEH-HEH.)

那我來
(HERE I COME.)







SQU

NO ROOM
HERE! NO
DO THAT!

ON THE
LEFT!

I'LL DO THE
ONE ON THE
LEFT. YOU DO
THE ONE ON
THE RIGHT,
OKAY?!

HEEEY!!

YOU
JACKASS!
DON'T TAKE
ALL OF
THEM OUT!!

UR RR R

WATCH YOUR
SPACING! GIVE
YOURSELVES
ROOM TO
MANEUVER!

AFTER
THEM!!

AI-YA!!

WHAT?!

WHAT
IS IT?!

HEY,
MAN!
LOOK!

THEY'RE
HAVING A
FOOTRACE!!
YOU SEEIN'
THIS?!

IT'S
RAQUEL
WELCH
AND JANE
FONDA,
MAN...



ARE WE
HEADED
FOR THE
LEGENDARY
NUDE
BEACH?!

SHIT!!
THEY
WANT
ME TO
FOLLOW
THEM!!

OHGOD-
OHGOD-
OHGOD...

...

CHILDREN
DON'T
NORMALLY
KNOW HOW TO
BUILD PIPE
BOMBS WHILE
THEY'RE STILL
IN THE 2ND
GRADE.

MS.
BALALAIKA,
JUST WHAT
SORT OF
UPBRINGING
DID YOU GIVE
THESE
CHILDREN?

I AM THE
MOTHER
OF TWO
CHILDREN...

BLACK LAGOON

THE MELANCHOLY OF BALALAIKA

by Rei Hiroe

BUT I FEEL
GREAT
ANXIETY
REGARDING
MY PARENTING
SKILLS...



MORON.
LOSER.
OCTOPUS-
HEADED
ASSWIPE.

GO DIVE
IN THE OCEAN
AND FART
OUT BLACK
INK.

YOU TWO!
START
APOLOGIZ-
ING!

JUST LAST
WEEK, THESE
TWO TOOK A
LIGHTER TO A
CAN OF BUG
SPRAY AND
BURNED ALL
THE HAIR OFF A
CLASSMATE'S
HEAD!!

BONK
WHAAAA!

APOLOGIZE
NOW!!

SO MUCH
ANXIETY...

DAITOKUJI HANAZONO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AW MOOOOOOM!!



I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY.
I FEEL
HORRIBLE.

ARE YOU
PREPARED
TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE YOUNG
MASTER'S
NERVOUS
BREAKDOWN?!



MS. BALALAIIKA!!
JUST WHAT
SORT OF
PARENTING ARE
YOU CONDUCTING
IN YOUR HOME!!

WELL...

I WAS
THINKING
OF
PLAYING
DOCTOR!

HEY
HEY...

...WHAT
DO YOU
WANT TO
PLAY
TODAY?



I
HAVEN'T
THE
SLIGHTEST
IDEA
WHAT
YOU'RE--

GOODNESS
GRACIOUS!
DON'T YOU
PLAY COY
WITH ME,
MA'AM!!



UH,
GOSH, MY
FAVORITE
ANIME IS
ABOUT TO
START, SO...



I EVEN GOT
ALL THE
TOOLS AND
STUFF
READY!

SEE?!

I DON'T
WANNA!!
MOMMY!

Let's play
Unit T3!! Cool!!



PLAYING
DOCTOR THE
WAY THE
GROWN-UPS
DO IT.



YOUR LITTLE
BOY WON'T
LAST A
MINUTE IN
OUR CAPABLE
HANDS.



NO, NO,
NO, NO!

TEE-
HEE-
HEE

OOH, WE CAN
PLAY THAT
KIND OF
DOCTOR TOO.



INDEED,
SISTER
DEAREST.

IF HE CAN'T
HANDLE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT, HE'S
GOING TO HAVE
HARD TIME
IN LIFE.

WHAT A
WIMP,
BROTHER
DEAREST.

HE KEEPS
MUMBLING
SOMETHING
ABOUT
MARATHON MAN
OR SOME
SUCH, MAKING
NO SENSE
AT ALL!!

EVER SINCE,
THE YOUNG
MASTER HAS
BEGINN TO
WET THE BED
AGAIN!

Make it
stop! Make
it stop!!

GO
APOLOGIZE.
NOW!!

MY
ANXIETY
KEEPS ON
GROWING
AND
GROWING...

WHAM
AW, MOOOOOOOOM!

ANYWAY, ISN'T
RAISING THE
CHILDREN
YOUR JOB?

HONEY...
CAN'T THIS
WAIT TILL
TOMORROW
?

SHOK

MR. CHANG

I TRIED TO TALK
TO MY HUSBAND
ABOUT IT, BUT
HE REFUSED TO
GET INVOLVED.



WELL,
AT
LEAST...

...THEY'RE
YOUNG
CHILDREN
WHEN THEY
SLEEP...



AFTERWORD

HOLY CRAP, VOLUME 3 IS OUT. NOW I'M IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. CAN'T BACK OUT NOW. I'VE NOW VENTURED INTO TERRITORY THAT'S TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR TO ME, AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO ALL YOU GREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME THIS FAR. THANK YOU!! I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. GOTTA WORK DOUBLE-TIME TO MAKE THINGS EVEN MORE INTERESTING. I'M GONNA KEEP ON GOING, SO PLEASE STICK WITH ME.

I'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

MY EDITOR, MR. WOO: THE MAN WHOSE LIFE GETS MANHANDLED LIKE A BAT IN A SLUGGER'S HANDS.

AAARGH. I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT IT ALL.

MY ASSISTANTS: B-RIVER, MATSUSHIMA-KUN, AND ITAKO.

I'M FULLY AWARE THAT YOUR COMMANDER KEEPS ON ISSUING OUTRAGEOUS ORDERS, BUT PLEASE KEEP UP WITH ME.

EVIL GUYS, I MEAN, MY ILLIN' BUDDIES: MO'CHII (OLD LADIES-R-US.) BIH (LOSER HERMIT.) J-SAIRO (WORKAHOLIC), AND KOGA-KUN (JUST BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL.) EVERY ONE OF 'EM, SICK IN THE HEAD ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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FURTHERMORE, LET ME STATE THAT ANY MISTAKES OR FACTUAL ERRORS WITH THE TEXT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE FAULT OF THE AUTHOR, WHICH IS ME.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN VOLUME 4.

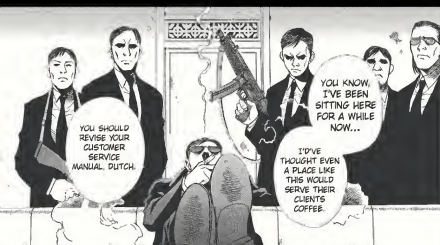
-REI HIROE, MARCH 15TH, 2004.

REI HIROE

I've finally lost my "volume 3" virginity! Yeehah!



Rei Hiroe was born on December 12, 1972. After working at a game company, he debuted as a mangaka in 1993. He has been an active illustrator and dojinshi, and has created many titles released through the dojin community. He is best known for his works, *Hisuikyoukitan* and *SHOOK UP!* (both currently available in new formats published by Shogakukan) and his first artwork collection, *Barrage*.



The Triads

The Chinese Triads have historical origins that can be traced back hundreds of years. Some were formed as “benevolent associations” along ethnic and linguistic lines and have morphed into organized crime rackets with tens of thousands of members worldwide. The Triads engage in all manner of criminal activities, including those which require a high degree of technical sophistication, such as production of fake credit cards, along with more base crimes like drug trafficking, extortion and gambling. They are flexible, adaptable and have enormous financial resources which allow them to invest in legitimate business enterprises as well.

In Roanapur, Mister Chang (aka Great Brother Chang) represents the interests of the Sun Yee On (of which he is a member), one of the largest Triads in the world. The 14K Triad, another large and powerful group, also seems to have a presence in Roanapur. And if you think Chang bears a striking resemblance to Hong Kong and Hollywood action movie star Chow Yun-Fat, you wouldn't be too far off the mark!



The Japanese Red Army

The Japanese Red Army (日本赤軍, *Nihon Sekigun*) was a terrorist organization founded in 1971. Its members and philosophies grew out of the student protest movements that rocked Japan in the '60s. Their goals were to overthrow the Japanese government, depose the Japanese emperor and start a worldwide communist revolution. In the 1970s and '80s, the group was responsible for or participated in terrorist actions worldwide, including the hijacking of a Japan Airlines flight in 1970 and the Lod Airport massacre in Tel Aviv in 1972. The group had close ties to the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine). They were also involved in several other airline hijackings and embassy bombings in Europe and Asia. Most of their members have since been arrested and convicted and the group is no longer active.

Masahiro Takenaka is an old-school terrorist whose years on the run have pretty much ground out all his youthful idealism. Now more mercenary than revolutionary, he sells his considerable skills at organizing and causing mayhem to the highest bidder. The operation with Ibraha and his encounter with Rock may have rekindled some of his old revolutionary fire.



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